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Board interviews LPC candidates

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Board of Education held a special meeting Thursday evening for the express purpose of interviewing candidates for a vacant seat on the school system's Local Planning Committee.

determining the research required for the development of a master educational facility plan that is designed to meet both the instructional goals of the school board as well as state mandates in providing equivalent educational opportunities to all district students at an equitable cost.

The LPC is further responsible for the development of a district facility

plan incorporating new construction projects and/or renovations of existing facilities. It is the LPC which must target the district's most critical building needs. The LPC is further responsible for recommendations to the local board in regard to school consolidation plans.

Appearing before the board on Thursday were Gary Frazier, a retired Floyd County Board of Education

administrator; Garrett David Pelphrey, currently the director of economic and workforce development for Prestonsburg Community College; and Scott Walker, substance abuse program director at Mountain Comprehensive Care Center.

David Pelphrey

Pelphrey was first to interview and in

a brief opening remark informed board members that although he is not a native Floyd Countian, having grown up in neighboring Johnson County, he has now made his home in Floyd County and therefore has a vested interest in the quality of the county's educational system being that he is the parent of a 2-

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Analysis

Long-shot gambling bill will return

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Like most gamblers, Kentucky's race tracks thought they had a winner.

After years of bickering and indecision within the industry, Kentucky's horse racing interests finally got together behind legislation that would allow the opening of slot machine casinos at the eight licensed race tracks. They paid for polls and studies showing how many Kentuckians flocked to riverboats in Illinois and Indiana, where they left their money. They ran slick radio and television commercials, trying to frame the argument in terms of "ending the ban" on "electronic gaming devices."

Yet, in racing parlance, it was a long shot that didn't come in. Some observers said slot supporters got bad advice, or miscalculated the real arguments — politically, socially and legislatively.

For many in the racing business, the fate of expanded gambling legislation was a near-textbook example of how not to run a race. But they say they learned a few lessons and will not make the same mistakes again.

Rep. Bob Heleringer has learned a few things about getting legislation passed from a poor starting position. As a Republican with 22 years in the General Assembly, he has fought the good fight on legislation that was never going to pass, but also been practical enough to win approval for bills as a member of a small Republican minority.

Heleringer, a Louisville lawyer whose family dabbles in racing and an ardent supporter of expanded gambling, said he offered some advice, but was ignored.

"We had a bill late," Heleringer said. "It only handed an excuse, a prevarication, to the opponents."

Indeed, opponents of expanded gambling immediately jumped on the fact it was Feb. 26 before a bill was introduced. That was weeks after the filing deadline for the May legislative primary elections, the traditional demarcation for controversial bills. And while the bill had been talked about, talks among track officials and legislators often took place in secret, even in a Frankfort hotel. It was more ammunition for opponents.

"This is sneaky politics, and the people of this state, and our nation, rightfully despise it," said the Rev. Nancy Jo Kemper, a founder of Citizens Against Gambling Expansion.

With a bevy of paid consultants

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Route 3379 at Branham's Creek was closed Friday and Saturday and will be closed next Saturday and Sunday as work crews replace pipes along the route. Robin Trimble Justice, resident engineer with Department of Highways District 12 in Pikeville, said motorists should use alternate routes in and out of the area.

photo by Steve LeMaster

Suspended license nets two years

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg man, Jonathan C. Crider, 28, will spend two years in jail Friday, for charges of third offense driving on a DUI-suspended license and being a persistent felony offender.

It appeared that a prior felony within the past five years was only one of the aspects considered in the sentence. Judge John David Caudill said he had been told by an individual that Crider had more priors than any other person that the individual had dealt with and he had stopped counting after 60.

Prosecutors had suggested a sentence of five

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Jonathan C. Crider, 28, of Prestonsburg, was sentenced to five years on Friday on charges of third offense operating a vehicle on a DUI-suspended license and being a persistent felony offender.

photo by Loretta Blackburn

Left Beaver attempting to go countywide

Ambulance service to get hearing May 15

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

McDOWELL — The Left Beaver Rescue Squad will be attending a certificate of need hearing on May 15 at 9 a.m. in Frankfort, when they will attempt to justify a need to the Cabinet of Health Services to obtain a license to make their ambulance services available to the entire county.

According to Daniel Gullett, director of the EMS division, the squad is seeking the freedom to

assist other services in the county.

With five ambulances — including four with paramedics and one life support system — Gullett said Left Beaver could give the county better access to medical services and increase the availability of advanced life support services.

The rescue squad is already responding to all areas of the county but the EMS department has to have a license to respond to any area other than the southern part of the county that it now serves.

The EMS department has 28 employees, including five registered nurses that were recently added in

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One year given man who led two-county chase

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

A man who led police on a chase that started in Floyd County and ended in Johnson County in last October was sentenced on Friday in Floyd Circuit Court.

Brian Patrick Misura, 25, of Johnson County, was arrested on October 29 after Lt. Shawn Roop of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and Chief Deputy Darrell Preston of the Johnson County Sheriff's Department chased him eight miles from Floyd County into Johnson

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Job-seekers turn out to Mayo Technical event

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

HAGER HILL — Mayo Technical College held its second annual job fair at its Hager Hill campus, located in Johnson County.

Linda Lyon, director of marketing for the college, was very pleased with the turnout for the event.

"We had such a response last year, we decided to make it an annual event," Lyon said.

According to Lyon, the event is open to anyone who wants to attend, not just students of the college.

"It's for anybody who wants a job," Lyon said.

Lyon also said that more than 40 people were hired on the spot at the job fair

that was held last year.

Jonathan Paige, who was interested in the Civic Development Group, a tele-services organization, said, "I just heard about the job fair and came down to check it out."

Over 20 businesses and employment services had informational booths set up at the fair.

The fair is organized through the alumni association, with Robert Hannah and Gary Lewis heading the program.

"We get such a huge response because we plan it all out," said Hannah.

Although the fair is open to everyone, Mayo students seem to benefit most from the event.

Grot Inc., electrical technology con-

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The second annual job fair at Mayo Technical College's Hager Hill campus featured over 20 businesses and employment services giving out information and taking applications.

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Odds and Ends

■ **LINCOLN, Neb.** — A robbery by any other name would smell as stinky.

Someone swiped the entire stock of roses at Country Floral and Gifts early Thursday. And the thieves didn't stop with the 400 roses — they also took more than 100 stuffed animals and ripped apart candy bouquets to take the chocolate.

"It was a clean sweep," said owner Lynda Worm. "They stole our vacuum cleaner."

Most upsetting to her, howev-

er, was the loss of a three foot, bright pink, stuffed bunny that had been in the family for 15 years.

"It's a sentimental thing," she said. "We just want it back."

■ **COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho** — A man who was upset over a haircut allegedly threatened to ram a salon with his pickup truck.

Paul Peyton III, 29, was upset with the grooming he received at a Fantastic Sam's salon,

Kootenai County prosecutors argued this week during Peyton's trial.

Peyton drove his truck onto the sidewalk in front of a salon in Post Falls on Dec. 12. Peyton denied trying to hit the salon, telling police he had put the truck in the wrong gear and accidentally lurched forward.

Peyton is charged with felony aggravated assault. If convicted, he could be sentenced to up to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Peyton had gotten a haircut a week earlier at a different Fantastic Sam's in Coeur d'Alene. Unsatisfied with the job, he later returned and was offered a second cut — after which he demanded his money back.

Peyton was told he would have to talk to the owner, Carol Holloway, at the Post Falls shop, reports said. He later went to the shop.

"He just looked angry and distraught," Vali Moore, receptionist at the store, testified. Peyton complained to a waiting customer that he had a "butchered haircut," Moore said. Peyton got into his truck, backed it up and then accelerated over the curb and onto the sidewalk in front of the store, witnesses said. Peyton then sped away.

■ **WHITING FIELD, Fla.** — A pilot instructor who has flown more hours in T-34C trainers than any other active-duty naval aviator has retired with a record that probably never will be broken.

Lt. Cmdr. Bradley Mason made his final flight Wednesday

in the same Turbo Mentor that he used as a student pilot in 1983 at this base on the Florida panhandle.

That gave the 41-year-old Miami native 4,438.8 hours in T-34Cs during his 20-year Navy career.

His record is safe because the Navy is phasing out the aging Turbo Mentors and replacing them with a new plane, the T6-A Texan II. Both are single-engine turboprops used for primary flight training.

Mason said his final flight was routine but difficult.

"Actually, it wasn't until I came around and saw the runway when I said 'Oh my God, this is the last time I'm doing this,'" he said. "And I must say I nailed that landing."

Mason will retire in nearby Pensacola with his wife, Becky, and their three children. He plans to look for work as a commercial pilot.

■ **ST. LOUIS** — A one-of-a-kind bird is now making its home at the World Bird Sanctuary in suburban St. Louis.

Executive director Walter Crawford said Thursday that an

albino Black Vulture — the only one known to exist and just the second ever seen — arrived about five weeks ago. The white bird with pink eyes was found in Michigan.

Wildlife officials feared the vulture could not survive in the wild. The World Bird Sanctuary, which houses about 300 birds, is recognized worldwide for its educational and rehabilitation efforts.

Crawford said the bird is now healthy and living next to another rare bird — an albino Great Horned Owl.

Experts believe the vulture is about a year old. After DNA testing determines the vulture's sex — birds don't have external sex organs — officials will decide whether to try to breed it, Crawford said.

"It's a beautiful, beautiful bird," Crawford said. "That and the owl are probably two of the prettiest ones I've ever seen."

The albino appearance is the result of lack of pigment in the skin and feathers. The only previously recorded albino Black Vulture was discovered in Kansas about 20 years ago, Crawford said.

Century-old massacre site still marked in mountain pass

by BERRY CRAIG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

POUND GAP — More than a century has passed since the infamous Pound Gap Massacre, but the bloody ambush site is still called "The Killing Rock."

Hiding behind stones and brush on a remote mountain trail near Jenkins, a trio of masked gunmen murdered moonshiner Ira Mullins, his wife, Louranza, and three others in 1892. Marshall Benton Taylor, a U.S. marshal and revenue agent said to be deranged, was hanged for the brutal crime.

Afterward, Calvin Fleming, one of Taylor's alleged accomplices, died in a shootout with a posse. A jury acquitted the other accused bushwhacker, Henan Fleming, Calvin's brother.

The Killing Rock is still there, just across the Virginia state line in the Jefferson National Forest, said Faron Sparkman, a historian in nearby Hazard.

Blood had been spilled before in Pound Gap, a mountain pass between the tiny communities of Jenkins, in Letcher County; and Pound, Mullin's Wise County, Va., hometown.

The gap witnessed two small Civil War battles and changed hands at least four times in the conflict, according to Sparkman, manager of radio station WSGS in Hazard.

Killings continued in the neighborhood long after Yankees and Rebels stopped shooting each other.

"There were a number of gun fights for about 30 years after the Civil War," Sparkman said. "Some of them were based on hard feelings between former Union and Confederate soldiers."

Evidently, the Civil War didn't brew the bad blood between Mullins and Taylor, whom Sparkman said was also a part-time herb doctor, mystic and backwoods preacher. Taylor was a Confederate soldier, but Mullins was only a boy during the war.

Mullins and Taylor evidently tangled in the 1870s. A gun battle between the moonshiner and revenuers, reputedly including Taylor, left Mullins paralyzed. Later, Mullins narrowly escaped a bullet fired through the window of his house. The shooter was unknown, but Mullins blamed Taylor and offered a

\$300 reward to anybody who would kill the marshal. Taylor apparently decided to slay Mullins first.

On May 14, 1892, Ira and Louranza started home after a visit with his brother-in-law, Wilson Mullins, who lived near Jenkins. Wilson and his wife, Jane, accompanied them. The rest of the ill-fated party included John Harrison Mullins, Ira and Louranza's teen-age son; Greenberry Harris, John Harrison's young friend; and John Chappel, Ira's hired hand.

Wilson and Jane Mullins' daughter, Mindy, 11, began the trip. But her parents left her at her grandmother's house and, unwittingly, may have saved their child's life.

Taylor and his henchmen reputedly barricaded the trail at the Killing Rock with stones and tree branches. Armed with rifles, they allegedly mowed down Ira, Louranza and Wilson Mullins, Harris and Chappel. Jane and John Harrison Mullins escaped.

Local law officers suspected Taylor and the Fleming brothers, who also reputedly stole \$1,000 off Louranza's corpse. The

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UK Medical Center to host trial of new smallpox vaccine

by STEVE BAILEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky's Chandler Medical Center will be the exclusive test site for a new smallpox vaccine being developed for the U.S. Department of Defense.

School officials made the announcement at a news conference Friday with representatives of DynPort Vaccine Company LLC, which is responsible for developing, licensing and supplying biodefense vaccines for the military.

"Smallpox is the king of bioterrorism," said Dr. Richard Greenberg, the university's principal investigator on the trial and an infectious disease expert. "It's a rather devastating disease that is easily transmitted. Even if you don't die from it, it can make you very sick."

"This is a major concern because we are at war with people who would threaten us with this kind of disease. It will hurt society, so we need to have some type of deterrent."

The study will evaluate the safety and effectiveness of the

new DVC smallpox vaccine as compared with the vaccine that was used during the worldwide smallpox vaccination program in the 1970s.

Researchers hope to recruit as many as 150 volunteers for the trial. One hundred volunteers will receive the new vaccine and 50 others will be given the existing vaccine.

The last naturally occurring case of smallpox, a virus causing hundreds of swollen skin lesions, was reported in 1977 and the world was declared free of smallpox in 1980 as a result of smallpox vaccine.

Since that time, however, fewer and fewer people have been vaccinated against the disease, a situation that could prove disastrous should it be used in a terrorist attack such as a suicide bombing.

"It's important people understand how devastating this could be," said Dr. James Holsinger, chancellor of the medical center. "You look at pictures of people who have had smallpox and you're instantly glad that it was conquered years ago."

"To have to reface that particular concern in the 21st century

is a devastating idea to people not just in America but around the world."

DVC's new smallpox vaccine is a derivative of the Army's vaccine previously tested in Department of Defense clinical trials. It is produced using modern large-scale cell culture technology that has none of the animal byproducts present in previous smallpox vaccines.

If trials prove successful, the vaccine will be given to U.S. military personnel around the world, said Dr. Robert Hopkins, director of clinical trials for DynPort.

"We hope to have the vaccine licensed by 2005," Hopkins said. "That's when we will create a stockpile for the Department of Defense. Once that contract has been fulfilled, we will have the license to manufacture and distribute the vaccine worldwide."

To participate in the study, volunteers must be between 18 and 30, have no major medical conditions — especially any type of immunodeficiency problems — and never have received the smallpox vaccine.

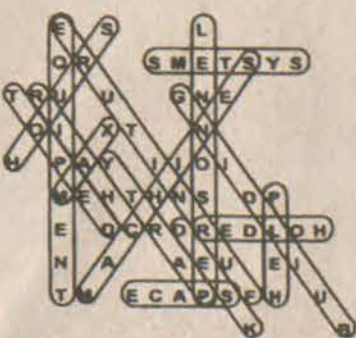
Volunteers will undergo a rigorous screening procedure, including a detailed medical history and physical examination. Those accepted into the trial will be vaccinated and monitored in routine follow-up visits to the medical center.

Participants will be compensated \$25 per visit for 11 visits during the 180-day study. Some volunteers will be followed for another three years and receive an additional \$100 per annual visit.

Greenberg said there are always dangers involved when testing new drugs and vaccines and that those risk factors will be taken into consideration

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GuestView

Using driver photos was a bad idea

It is said that every human on the planet has a double somewhere. Whether that is true or not, most of us have had the experience of walking down the street in another city and seeing someone who looks just like Cousin Maude or Mr. Periwinkle from down the block at home. Only it wasn't. It was someone else.

The mysteries of identity have long inspired novelists and filmmakers — how many plots revolve around the misdeeds of evil twins? Remember Bette Davis in "Dead Ringer?"

These are among the nonlegal, but common sense reasons why the proposal from Frankfort to use driver's license photos to compile photographic lineups for crime identification purposes was badly flawed. State police officials wisely backed away from this plan recently. Now they need to take the next step and permanently shelve it.

Real issues of personal liberty are at stake.

The state is acquiring a computerized system capable of selecting images from the vast files of licensed drivers whose features may match, in some way, those of suspects that crime witnesses have described to police. With these pictures, police could quickly and efficiently assemble photo packs to show to victims and witnesses — without having to sift through mug shots of folks who've been arrested, as they currently must do.

Aside from identity mix-ups, the proposal presents serious legal and constitutional problems, none of which is possible to remedy.

To begin with, it's fundamentally invasive to use photos collected for one purpose — identifying drivers — to come up with a lineup of suspects. This creates the specter that someone who has never been arrested could be wrongly identified by an eyewitness, forced to come up with an alibi, and perhaps even be taken into custody.

Furthermore, eyewitness identifications are often flawed because witnesses are in shock. Some just aren't particularly observant.

And while it may be true that allowing a computer to select photos would reduce the chance of police bias in assembling picture packs, that is not a good enough reason to threaten innocent people with baseless questioning, embarrassment or worse.

Gov. Paul Patton, who has demonstrated an understanding of civil liberties on several occasions, should recognize that this system is a loser. No other state has adopted it. Several have rejected it. So must Kentucky.

— The Louisville Courier-Journal



— beyond the beltway

Terror at the gas pump

by DONALD KAUL

I feel so sorry for the American people. Oh sure, we're not being blown apart every day like the Israelis and Palestinians. We're not dying of AIDS by the hundreds of thousands each month like the people of many African nations. We're not even in the midst of revolution and total economic meltdown like a country or two in South America.

But we are having to pay gasoline prices that are (sob!) 25 CENTS A GALLON more than we were paying just a month ago. Why, it's up to \$1.79 cents a gallon in some places, nearly a third of what they pay in many places in Europe. Poor us.

It's a tragedy, is what it is. Our government ought to do something about it: Bomb Iraq; drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge ... something.

The other day The New York Times interviewed people at a gas station in Chicago and the stories they told would bring a tear to the eye of an Enron executive. "I can't afford to fill up," said one woman who was buying a mere \$5 worth of fuel. "One week it was \$1.29, now it's \$1.69, in some places \$1.79.

That's high."

You people out there who have recently come here from another planet might think that we Americans, faced with these onerous price rises, would do something about them ... start car-pooling or driving small cars or even take a bus. You have not yet learned the American way. "Basically, I have to get back and forth to work," a Chicago man said, "so I can't really change my habits. I just have to pay it and complain."

That's the American way — pay it and complain. Nor is the American car industry anxious to give the gas-buying public cheaper options.

Au contraire. In a different section of the paper, The Times carried another story about a new Ford product, the Super CrewZer.

The Super CrewZer is a pickup truck on steroids. It is 23 feet long (half again as long as a full-sized car), weighs 13,000 pounds (four times the weight of a car) and costs \$83,000. It gets 11 miles

to the gallon. Ford expects to sell 100 or more of them, mainly to people who buy so-called "fifth-wheel" house trailers, those 35-foot to 40-foot long goliaths on wheels. It takes something as big and powerful as the Super CrewZer to drag such a trailer, which itself can weigh 28,000 pounds or more, across country.

In other words, sheer madness, the illogical extension of the irrational love affair of the American people with the "Sports Utility Vehicle," which is neither sporty or very useful.

Rather than dealing with the problem, President Bush is of course taking

advantage of it. He is saying that the high prices, as well as the war he wants to wage on Iraq, make it imperative that we drill for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. To conservatives, pretty much anything that happens — war, peace, high prices, low prices — is an excuse to drill in the Alaskan wilderness. Not that there's enough oil there to solve any of our problems; conservatives are simply turned on by the vandalism of it. (The Alaskan oil project seems dead for now — but don't count it out.)

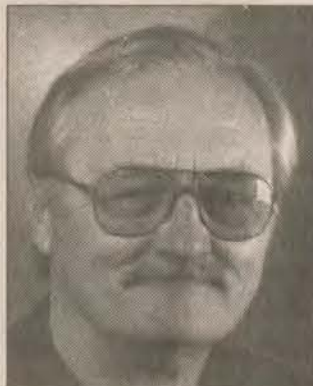
Not a word has been uttered about conservation: requiring more fuel-efficient cars, building mass transit and enforcing lower speed limits. Doing something like that might affect the precious lifestyle we Americans have adopted, basically a gas-driven, foul-smelling, global-warming, hostage-to-the-Arabs style that we cherish above life itself. (That's why we send our boys and girls into the Middle East to kill and be killed, you know, to protect that way of life.)

I have a better answer: a \$1 a gallon tax on gas at the pump, to begin immediately, quickly, like a bucket of cold water in the face. Gas that was \$2.50 a gallon overnight might shock people into action.

On the other hand the action would probably consist of getting rid of the politicians who levied the tax. Better we spend a lot of money sending our kids into harm's way.

It's not only harm's way, you know; it's the American Way.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the Des Moines Register. He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way.



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Thanks science fair supporters

At the East Kentucky Science Center, our focus is science education. Sound boring? It isn't because we provide hands-on learning opportunities, such as our East Kentucky Regional Science Fair.

The Science Fair was held March 23 at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Prestonsburg. In preparation for this event, students from around the Big Sandy region conducted experiments and learned from their research. They entered their projects in the science fair to compete for \$6,000 in savings bonds, which will be worth more than \$8,000 plus interest in 18 years. First-place students also won \$500 for their schools to purchase science-related equipment or material.

This was a wonderful beginning for an annual event and would not have been possible without the generosity of

some community-minded individuals, organizations and businesses:

■ Citizens National Bank and Dennis Dorton for funding \$5,000 to our first-place students and their schools.

■ Morehead State University East Kentucky Regional GEAR-UP Project and Coy Samons for funding second and their place prizes.

■ "Dr." Don Bevins, celebrity chair.

■ Last Lap Racing for their help with the trophies and engravings.

■ Solomon Kilburn, East Kentucky Science Center Education Committee Chair.

■ Science fair judges Tom Vierheller, Mike Lewis, Dwight Smith, Dwayne Davis, Michelle Goble, Eric Thomas and Johnnie Ross.

■ Volunteers Frank Fitzpatrick, Barbara Burke, Lynn Duncan and Carol Shubinski.

■ Willie Elliott, the science fair's official photographer.

Through the efforts of these individuals and businesses, students around the region enriched their science knowledge

while competing for major prizes. We sincerely thank them for their assistance. Community involvement can improve education by providing learning opportunities for students. We encourage businesses to support educational endeavors throughout the region.

The East Kentucky Science Center is a private, non-profit education organization devoted to providing learning opportunities to students, teachers and the East Kentucky community. Center educators travel to schools in Kentucky Education Service Center Regions 7 and 8 to present programs in space science, earth science, environmental science and life science.

The center will open a new facility in 2003 that will house a planetarium, exhibit area, science classroom, and gift shop. For more information about the East Kentucky Science Center, call (606) 889-0303 or visit our website, www.wedoscience.org.

Raymond Shubinski, director
East Kentucky Science Center
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Religion briefs

Southern Baptists say membership tops 16 million

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant denomination, says it grew even bigger last year, adding 92,612 followers for a total membership of 16,052,920.

Still, the gain was lower than the increase in 2000, when the convention added about 109,000 people. And baptisms last year declined by 18,727, to about 396,000.

The statistics were collected from local Baptist associations and state conventions for the annual church profile.

In several states, moderate Southern Baptists have broken away from their state conventions, taking members and churches with them, to protest the conservative beliefs of the church's national leaders.

It remains unclear how many members have been lost to the breakaway groups, since some churches maintain ties with both the state conventions and the new moderate organizations.

The next two largest Protestant denominations in terms of membership are the United Methodists, with 8,340,954, and the Church of God in Christ with a total of 5,499,875 followers.

Roman Catholicism remains the largest religious body in the United States, with more than 63 million members.

Interfaith ministry mails checks to 131 race riot survivors

TULSA, Okla. — A Tulsa

ministry has mailed reparation checks to 131 survivors of a 1921 race riot, most of whom were children when whites laid waste to black neighborhoods with guns and torches.

The Tulsa Metropolitan Ministry Reparations Gift Fund, an interfaith coalition, this month disbursed \$28,000 in checks to the elderly survivors of the 14-hour conflict that left thousands in the Greenwood neighborhood homeless. At least 38 people were killed, most of them black.

Each survivor received about \$200.

Tulsa leaders in 1921 promised victims compensation for their losses. Some emergency aid was provided, but full restitution was never made.

The ministry is supported by Unitarian Universalists, Conservative Jews, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Islamic Society of North America, the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church in America and other religious groups.

Antifundamentalist Muslim cleric and rabbi receive honor

DAVIE, Fla. — An Islamic cleric condemned by some Muslims for criticizing fundamentalism and for maintaining close ties with local Jews has been honored for promoting tolerance.

A rabbi who works with him also received an award.

Maulana Shafayat Mohamed and Rabbi Lewis Littman of Temple Bat Yam in Fort Lauderdale, were honored

April 18 by the National Conference for Community and Justice.

"I've been accused by some Muslims of being bought by the Jews," Mohamed said. "But that's a minority, Muslims who expect you to be emotional, not levelheaded."

The cleric and Littman have met together monthly for six years to conduct interfaith dialogues.

"No one should stereotype anyone," Littman said. "Muslims and Jews, if you go back to their scriptures, have a shared perception of the value of human life."

For 11 years, Mohamed, originally from Trinidad, has worked with Christian and Jewish groups in South Florida to dispel misconceptions about Islam.

In 1994, he founded the

Darul Uloom Islamic Mosque and Institute in Pembroke Pines, which offers secular and religious classes on Islamic history and teachings.

During the latest Mideast violence and after Sept. 11, Mohamed has spoken at synagogues, to youth groups and at interfaith dialogues with other religious leaders.

He also has supported Israel in some situations, angering

many of his fellow Muslims. At the ceremony, he said the Israeli military presence in the Palestinian territories may be necessary.

"A man in Sharon's position might need to use force to stop suicide bombings," Mohamed said.

The National Conference for Community and Justice was formerly called the National Council of Christians and Jews.

Fledgling Utah-based church melds wine-making, sexuality, meditation

by PATTY HENETZ
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SALT LAKE CITY — Claude Nowell was a 30-year-old graphics salesman and practicing Mormon who says he was just trying to relax after work when the hairless, blue, otherworldly beings first came to him.

The 1975 visitation lasted about 10 minutes — enough time to transport Nowell to a quiet place where an enormous pyramid stood on a green lawn under a blue sky filled with stars.

When he came to, Nowell immediately suspected his druggie co-workers had spiked his late-afternoon doughnut.

But then, Nowell claims, there were more visitations from the blue beings — leading him to decide that he had been chosen to propagate Summum, a belief system incorporating winemaking, mummification and sexual ecstasy. His fledgling group of adherents now meet in a pyramid-shaped temple in Salt Lake City.

Nowell, who in the early 1980s changed his name to Summum Bonum Amon Ra and goes by Corky Ra, said that since Summum's establishment in 1975, 250,000 people have received its teachings — though the movement is little-known, even among those who study new religions. No official membership rolls are kept, he said, nor does the movement collect offerings or accept donations.

Ra attended Brigham Young University and graduated from the University of Utah, where he majored in business and philosophy. He is a former Southern California aerobics instructor with tanned skin, clear green eyes and an 18-inch ponytail trailing down his back.

Ra said he never wanted the belief system to be called a church (and there is no supreme being in his teachings). But when his group first applied for his nonprofit organization status, he said, the Internal Revenue Service designated it as a church.

"We have always felt it to be a philosophy, but the government has always called it a religion," Ra said. The designation has allowed the group to hold a state permit to make and distribute sacramental wine.

The pyramid temple, made of anodized copper over steel with sides 40 feet wide at the base, sits in a one-acre compound in an industrial zone just off an interstate in Salt Lake City. The

temple is open to the public each Thursday night for meditation and philosophy instruction.

Three mummified animals encased in bronze sit in the entryway. Upholstered sofas and chairs form a discussion circle directly beneath the pyramid's apex, 26 feet overhead. The sacramental wine is fermented in a gleaming stainless steel vat set behind the furniture.

During the 77-day fermentation process, those who espouse Summum meditate for the wines so they will contain spiritual concepts. The wines are then aged from one to 15 years.

State law forbids shipment of the wine, so Summum adherents in other states have become licensed liquor distributors to ship the product.

Ra said at least 250,000 bottles have been given away to people who have undergone a screening process that involves reading about Summum and learning how to meditate.

Adherents use the wines, also known as "liquid knowledge" and "nectar publications," to enhance seven types of meditation, including the one serving Summum's paramount belief: the power of sexual ecstasy.

Summum's take is that copulation played a vital role in creation of the universe, and that all progression and evolution happens through sexual ecstasy.

With Summum, sexuality is not merely an avenue to enjoyment. "It's there for meditation," Ra said. "But when you have that ecstasy, that's creation itself. We call it the state of becoming god. It's not something you would do at a brothel or only for procreation."

The vital role of sex in Ra's beliefs is evident in decorations in the pyramid, including candleholders molded to look like sex organs.

Ra's assistant, Ron Temu, a

licensed funeral director and embalmer, also does mummifications, which Summum prefers over burial. Comparing their beliefs to ancient Egyptian creeds, Summum teaches that even after death there remains an ethereal bond between body and soul.

Mummification costs about \$8,000 for animals and starts at \$63,000 for humans. None of the 147 people who prepaid have died yet, Ra said.

Douglas Cowan, a professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and an authority on new religious movements, said none of the major scholarly organizations that research such groups have a listing for Summum.

However, he said the Utah group has similarities to other new movements, such as the Raelians, founded about 30 years ago by a French racecar driver who mixes Judeo-Christian teachings with UFO experiences.

Ra also notes that Tantric yoga and portions of the Kama Sutra have teachings similar to Summum about sexuality. He estimates 5,000 people have moved to Utah to learn Summum, with many of them returning home to advance the group's teachings.

"It's a philosophy that says you need to go out there, and just be in life," Ra said. "It's not like you have to go to church every Sunday."

Carter County priest doubles as artist

by KIRSTEN STANLEY
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OLIVE HILL — The Rev. Bruce Brylinski walks around his art studio, looking at his work and plotting further expansion.

He describes his 18-year journey as a priest and an artist, his face glowing with a warm smile, his gentle voice tinged with a New York accent.

Like most days, he isn't wearing his clerical collar. In fact, he is donning a pair of worn jeans and a green nylon jacket.

Sitting on a table scattered with art supplies, near his stereo, is a Creedence Clearwater Revival cassette — a secular selection that sticks out from the music it is flanked by.

The artwork on the walls varies, too. There is a self-portrait of the day he was ordained and a painting of three crosses on a hill that can be seen from Interstate 64 in Grayson. Other paintings are brightly-colored, solar-system inspired.

"This is really a great way to meet people," 47-year-old Brylinski said of his studio, Chapel Theater Productions. "I think it is less-threatening than other settings."

For the past five months, Brylinski has been renovating the small space in downtown Olive Hill into a studio for his paintings, his handmade puppets and his ministry. Once his studio is complete, he hopes to teach art classes and workshops.

Recent flooding set his work back, he said, but the priest is hoping to have the studio completed this summer. Already he has had numerous passers-by admire his pieces of art, which are for sale. The price is based on a buyer's income.

Brylinski has also been invited to several places to perform his children's puppet show, which is about transformation in an Appalachian woman's life. He is working on another show, this one focused on acceptance of other races and ethnic groups.

Art is a passion, but the priest is never far from his traditional work for the Lord.

On weekends, Brylinski is a sacramental priest at Saints John and Elizabeth Church in Grayson and Holy Redeemer in Vanceburg. Each Sunday, he drives to both services.

He is the only Catholic priest in a three-county area — Carter, Elliott and Lewis — but,

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Gardening: The New Roses

by ED HUTCHISON
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The Queen of Flowers is not without blemishes and no one understands this more than the people whose job it is to improve the looks and performance of the garden rose.

Breeders in the United States, France, Germany and England are working hard on several counts: Disease-resistance, fragrance, more flowers, improved winter hardiness, better bush shape and other qualities they believe will convince gardeners that the rose is, indeed, a worthwhile garden plant.

"Most of the improvements have been incremental," according to Dr. Keith Zary of Jackson & Perkins (J&P). "The most significant progress has been made in disease resistance, the number of blooms on each plant and the shape and form of the plant." Zary is J&P's vice-president for research and an expert breeder in his own right. He's created

dozens of commercially successful varieties in his 17 years as a breeder, and six have been awarded the industry's top recognition for garden-worthiness: the All-America Rose Selection (AARS) designation.

Bringing a new variety to market takes about 10 years, beginning with when a cross is first made until the time enough bushes of the new variety are available for sale. Even with the most perfect growing climate and care, the timing can't be rushed. The first five years are needed to see if the cross is worthy of introduction, based on what is already available. What the breeder initially hoped would result from the cross may or may not come true — be it fragrance, novelty color, disease resistance, flower production and so on.

"It is at the end of the fifth year when we pretty much know if the variety has some merit," Zary said, "then it's a matter of testing in enough climates to see how it will behave as a commercial variety. This is something you just can't do quickly."

He said some things about a rose are easier to improve than others. Disease resistance and an ever-blooming nature for a new hybrid tea variety are more difficult than with miniatures, floribundas and shrub roses, he said.

For example, a breeder may look to create a disease-resistant hybrid tea by crossing one variety (or maybe an unnamed seedling of a different cross) with a miniature rose. Miniatures tend to be disease resistant naturally. The offspring that results is no longer a hybrid tea. It may have many of the hybrid tea's attributes but because one parent is something else, its genetic character has been changed.

Zary echoes a truism that probably keeps breeders from going mad: "It's not impossible, it just takes longer," he said,

referring to the quest for a disease-resistant hybrid tea.

Tom Carruth, research director for Weeks Roses, Upland, Calif., and a competitor to J&P, has a similar list of breeding objectives for his company:

"We want to get past the image that roses are difficult to care for, and one way to do this is to select for better disease resistance, fragrance, a cleaner

bush and one that is more attractive naturally — one that will provide you with tons of flowers and hopefully satisfy your sense of beauty.

"For our company, we are looking for stuff that will make our varieties different from those of other growers and still live up to standards of being

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Gardening: Events

Orchids in D.C.

WASHINGTON — Fresh orchids will be arriving throughout the 11-week run of "The Allure of Orchids," through April 8 at the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory.

Co-hosted by the garden and the Smithsonian Institution, the exhibit will explore the reasons these exotic specimens attract humans and other creatures. The orchids on display come from the collections of cultivated and specimen orchids of both organizations. They also include rare and little-known orchids seized at border points because of international trade restrictions that are part of the Convention on International Trade and Endangered Species (CITES) agreement.

The Gardens of Historic Virginia

RICHMOND, Va. — The Garden Club of Virginia stages its 69th season of tours of grand houses and great gardens during Garden Week in Virginia, April 20-27.

Affiliated garden clubs throughout the state are involved in about three dozen events, which open historic estates, many of them privately owned, for a

once-a-year treat for garden and historic-house buffs. Proceeds from the tours go toward restoring historic grounds and gardens in Virginia.

Among the highlights this year are the 1730s Sabine Hall in Richmond County, still owned by descendants of its builder, Landon Carter, and Eyre Hall, between Cheriton and Eastville, built by Littleton Eyre between 1735 and 1760 and now owned by an 11th-generation descendant.

A guidebook for tours is available for a \$5 donation to Historic Garden Week in Virginia, 12 E. Franklin Street, Richmond, Va. 23219.

Epcot Garden Festival

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Horticultural displays — including topiaries of Disney characters — are among attractions at the 2002 Epcot International Flower & Garden Festival, April 19-June 2.

Besides the gardens, there will be entertainment and special presentations by garden experts. Workshops will explore gardening techniques and environmentally sound gardening.

The festival is included in regular Epcot park admission.

Victorian Kitchen Garden Goes Organic

by SUE LEEMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUDLEY END, England — A subtle bend in a high red brick wall holds a clue to the ingenuity built into the kitchen garden at one of Britain's great stately homes.

"See that? It's deliberate," says head gardener Mike Thurlow. "The Victorians built it that way to trap the sun — that part of the wall warms up more quickly and fruit grows against it ripens earlier."

"They knew a thing or two, those Victorians."

They're still growing things the Victorian way at the kitchen

garden of Audley End, a magnificent Jacobean mansion that once belonged to the aristocratic Braybrooke family.

With its regimented box borders, espalier fruit trees and giant, white-framed vine house, the 10-acre garden is a picture of Victorian order and good management.

But there is none of the arsenic, strychnine or lead that the Victorian gardener sometimes used against pests.

Today all the plants are grown organically, and part of the garden is a testbed for 21st century methods of non-chemical fruit production.

The Victorians used many natural methods — the agrochemical industry had yet to take off — so it's been relatively easy to marry Victorian and organic methods, said Thurlow.

"The Victorians believed in what we believe in — look after the soil, and your crops will be good," he said.

All the fruit, vegetables and herbs are the varieties grown in Victorian times — the latest cultivars are from 1899 — and Victorian cultivation methods are used, including careful crop rotation.

"We garden around about the 1850s — anyone from that time coming back now would recognize what we are doing," said Thurlow.

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Raised Beds

by ED HUTCHISON
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The term "native soil" sounds friendly enough, conjuring up images of rich, crumbly dark brown soil — soil in the garden and lawn that is fertile, rich in nutrients, quick to drain and enables plants and grass to grow beautifully and effortlessly.

Native soil may be anything than friendly. It may be heavy with clay or light with sand. The pH may be out of kilter. It may be compacted because of earthwork done recently or years ago. Native soil refers to the soil we have in our yard even though technically there may not be too much native about it because of

how the neighborhood was developed or the land tilled.

One way gardeners cope with less than ideal native soil is by stepping above it — literally — creating raised beds of soil 6 to 15 inches deep and of a soil type that is much better suited to robust plant growth than the native soil. It is not a new technique but one that could be used more frequently as a solution to having a great garden on top of soil that is otherwise, in a word, crummy.

Other than being plant-friendly, a raised bed has at least two distinct advantages. One is that it is easier to maintain plants, since

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and-a-half-year-old child.

Pelphrey said that he moved away from the Eastern Kentucky area for close to 12 years and that after becoming parents he and his wife decided that Eastern Kentucky is where they desired to raise their family.

Board member Carol Stumbo was first to pose a question to Pelphrey, asking him to detail any experience or knowledge that he may have acquired in regard to facilities management and construction. Pelphrey, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees in agriculture from the University of Kentucky, informed the board that he had been required to take engineering classes designed to complement his major while in college and further that his current career as director of economic and workforce development for PCC requires him to have knowledge of cost-related building concerns.

Pelphrey also said that he has had experience as a district sales manager for Kent Feeds Inc., of Iowa, that required him to assist in district management techniques such as marketing and customer-related cost analyses.

"I helped customers analyze cost, overhead, cost of building operations ... I have considerable experience in that area and have knowledge of building materials and their costs," Pelphrey said.

Pelphrey also said that his current position with the college requires him to stay abreast of current economic and workforce issues, as well as to work cooperatively with local government, economic development agencies and other groups toward local economic development efforts.

"In my work with the college, I invite economic and workforce development in an effort to boost our economy and create jobs for our kids," Pelphrey said.

Pelphrey said he believes it is just as important to offer quality schools as an incentive to outside businesses looking to relocate as it is to offer viable construction

sites.

Pelphrey described himself as being a "moral," "goal-oriented" person with "determination" and "ambition." "I am not ambitious to the degree of ruthless ambition," he said, "but ambitious toward the end of seeing things grow."

Pelphrey also said he strives to behave in a "professional" manner and that when working with a team, "I work toward trying to find common ground ... and for the common good." He said that both he and his wife have teaching backgrounds and he realizes that "teaching is an awesome responsibility."

"This county, like most counties, has needs that are great and dollars that are few," Pelphrey said. "I believe in fiscal responsibility. Don't leave any kids behind. The kids in the county's poorer districts deserve the same education as other kids. All kids deserve equal education."

When questioned in regard to his feelings about school consolidation, Pelphrey said, "I am a product of a consolidated school. In terms of equipment, there are advantages to consolidation. There are also advantages to smaller schools. The bottom line, though, is that if teachers are teaching and dealing with their kids on a daily basis, this is what is most important."

"Communities identify with their schools, but with the reality of today's cost of educating children, we need to become competitive. We are remiss if we don't offer them the tools they will need to make it in today's world. If consolidation is for the overall good, then it's something we've got to do."

Pelphrey ended his interview with the board with the statement, "I want to help Floyd County make their schools as competitive and as good as possible."

Gary Frazier

Frazier was next to interview for the vacant seat. Frazier, whose

resume exhibits an extensive career in the educational system, in particular with Floyd County schools, informed the board that he had an extensive knowledge of the school system's facilities.

"I can pretty well tell you where most of the cracks are," Frazier said. "I have a thorough knowledge of the facilities."

Frazier also noted that his years of working in the public school system had afforded him the opportunity to learn how to become creative with solving facilities problems on little or no budget funding.

"I have always been one to take a horrible situation and make the best of it," he said, citing as an example the 1984 flooding at McDowell.

Frazier said that although dealing with the after-effects of the flood involved much hard labor, "the bright side was that every student at McDowell got a new desk, and every teacher got a new desk. In addition, the floors received new tiling ... I am fairly used to dealing with facilities problems."

Frazier also informed the board that he has "considerable" training in the area of demographics and population trends that he feels would be helpful in the future planning details the LPC would be required to produce.

Frazier also informed the board that he had been instrumental in initiating positive change in the county's school system in several ways such as arranging financing for the system's first installment of computers for student use.

"I also created the first academic competition in this county," Frazier said. "Before, we had no forensics at all."

Frazier said that he had worked closely on the development of the South Floyd High School.

"I made sure that South Floyd High School would be state of the art," Frazier said. "I used Dunbar in Lexington as my measuring stick."

Frazier said that during the planning stages of the South Floyd project, he had disagreed with the location of the school due to the county's demographics profile.

"I told them then that South Floyd would never be more than half full," Frazier said. "As it is, it is only full now due to containing a middle school. It was not designed to house a middle school."

Board members asked Frazier whether he would bring his personal feelings to the LPC's concerns. Frazier has recently been very vocal in voicing his opposition to certain planning modules, in particular, a plan to consider consolidation in the Prestonsburg school district.

One of the plans for the district would involve the closing of Prestonsburg Elementary. Frazier's wife, Gwen Hale-Frazier, is the principal of Prestonsburg Elementary.

Board chairman Johnnie Ross asked Frazier if he felt that his serving on the LPC with his wife would perhaps constitute a violation of the Kentucky Educational Reform Act's definition of nepotism. In response, Frazier said that he believes it would not in that the LPC seat was an appointed position and "not a job" in terms of gainful employment.

"I don't believe either me or my wife should be penalized for our knowledge of the school system," Frazier said. "My wife and I are not of like minds. My wife is a very strong-willed woman. The day will never come when Gary

Frazier will tell her what to think."

Ross also posed a question to Frazier in regard to his open criticism of state management in the Floyd County district. Ross reminded Frazier that he had been an administrator during several years that the state had managed the district. Ross asked Frazier to reconcile how this situation would appear to the general public in that Frazier himself was under the authority of state management during several of his administrative years, even though he is now adamant in his views that state management should now be ousted from Floyd County.

Frazier had contended at earlier board meetings that Floyd County school administrators should be fully responsible for the management of their own school district.

"Intervention never had anything to do with any school program I was responsible for," Frazier replied. "I criticized state management when I was a member of management in this county. I am not intimidated by state management or by state management officers."

Frazier further said that he feels he is "equal to" the majority of those in state management, as well as "superior to some."

Turning tables, Frazier posed a question of his own to board members, asking them if their recent decision to ask state management to leave Floyd County would have happened if he had not been present "to raise a stink."

"Sometimes the status quo needs to be shook up," Frazier commented.

Frazier also said that he has "no problem dealing with tough issues" and that he has a "very strong sense of right and wrong." He informed the board further that he has "always been able to withstand political pressure," but that "politics in and of itself was not necessarily a bad thing — it is a reality."

"Self-serving politics, however, at the expense of children, is corruption," Frazier added.

Frazier went on to say he believes it is "a mistake to pit one section of the county against another. We all are one. They are all our kids."

Frazier ended his interview with a brief statement, again acknowledging his long history with Floyd County schools and that regardless of which of the candidates should be appointed to the vacant seat, that his "involvement with Floyd County schools will remain."

"I feel I could bring a very strong opinion to the LPC, as one in 17," Frazier said.

Frazier holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from Morehead State University, as well as a Rank I in educational administration, also from Morehead State. He has also completed a doctoral study program in criminology and deviant behavior from the University of Tennessee.

Scott Walker

Walker, substance abuse program director for Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, was the third and final candidate to interview for the LPC seat.

Despite having awoken that morning in Albuquerque, N.M., Walker managed to make it to the LPC interview just short of his scheduled appointment time. Walker had been out of state to participate in discussions regarding the establishment of a drug court in the Floyd County judicial system.

Walker informed the board

that he is familiar with facilities management and construction in that his job as program director for Mountain Comprehensive Care had required him to be part of the team effort that resulted in the purchase of a local facility. That facility has subsequently been transformed into a drug treatment center housing several people, both male and female, on a daily basis. Walker said the facility had to undergo renovation and remodeling in order to become useful as a treatment center.

Walker also informed the board that his position requires him to think in terms of "long-range planning."

"Within my job role, I have to be proactive," Walker said. "I cannot be reactive."

Walker said he has experience formulating long-range plans for periods of time up to seven years. He said he has been involved with facilities planning and management for men, women and children who have found themselves homeless or in other crisis situations.

"I am currently planning for the future," Walker said. "I want to see a free-standing facility for women with no children, which we have discovered has been a largely ignored population."

When posed the question, Walker said that he is largely opposed to school consolidation. Walker said he sees the mission of the educational system to be that of educating children and he feels that very often "we lose sight of this mission."

"Parental involvement in educating children is crucial," Walker said. "If you consolidate, you have, many times, alienated parents who identify with their school community. Is consolidation a necessary evil? Yes, but I am opposed to it. I think it depersonalizes the educational process."

Walker also informed the board that he is familiar with the majority of the county's present school structures and that this familiarization had come primarily from his involvement in an "at-risk" targeting school program that he had been involved in in Floyd County schools for a lengthy period of time.

"I am probably most familiar with Prestonsburg Elementary, primarily because it is where my child goes to school and where my wife teaches," Walker said.

Walker described himself as being "politically inept" and a "teacher by trade." He said he believes that politics are still involved in Floyd County schools on the "macro-level" but not the "micro-level." As a case in point, Walker referred to

the occasions that his wife, Debbie Walker, a teacher at Prestonsburg Elementary, had addressed the board in regard to the presence of "Slush-Puppy" drinks being served in her school's cafeteria.

"If she had done that 15 years ago, she wouldn't have a job today," Walker said.

In answer to a question in regard to whether or not Walker would allow his personal feelings to influence his work and decisions on the LPC, he said, "I thought the purpose of the LPC was to bring personal feelings to the committee — people coming together, bringing their own personal feelings to the table. I would be lying to say that I wouldn't."

Walker said that he would be mindful of conditions throughout the county in regard to school facilities and the conditions in which students and teachers would come together.

"I would not allow children to be in deplorable conditions," Walker said.

Walker said that he is "very interested" in serving on the LPC and that he believes he would bring "passion" and a "whole-hearted attitude" to the committee.

"I have two children in the system, so I would be in for the long haul," Walker said.

Walker holds a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Kentucky and is currently pursuing a master's degree in counseling from Morehead State University. He has also received specialized training in the area of drug and alcohol rehabilitation.

The board declined to make a final decision on the LPC vacancy Thursday night, with several board members saying that they would prefer to have time to think the matter over before coming to a final consensus. A special meeting date will likely be called in the near future for the express purpose of finalizing the appointment.

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years, with two to be served and three years of supervised probation. Crider's attorney, Gerald Derosssett, asked the court to consider just supervised probation.

But after careful consideration, Judge Caudill said he saw no reason why the commonwealth's suggested sentence should not be imposed.

Caudill said that reflecting on Crider's criminal history, the only time he had not created any offense was when he was incarcerated.

Shepherd released after sentencing

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg woman who pleaded guilty to charges stemming from what was branded as a "sex scheme" from March 2001 was released from jail on probation following a sentencing hearing Friday in Floyd Circuit Court.

Patricia A. Shepherd, 30, was one of several people indicted in last June for participating in crimes in which, allegedly, one of the perpetrators diverted the victims' attention by promising sexual favors while the others burglarized the residence.

Shepherd was charged with theft by unlawful taking and promoting prostitution — allegedly

selling a female to a Prestonsburg resident for sexual favors in order to pay for prescription drugs the female had consumed — on June 27. She was charged with another count of theft on October 29.

Shepherd pleaded guilty to both counts of theft by unlawful taking, a class D felony, and promoting prostitution, a class A misdemeanor. She was sentenced on Friday to two years on each count of theft and 12 months for promoting prostitution to run concurrently.

But after spending 210 days in jail already, Shepherd will not serve any more time behind bars. Her sentence was suspended and she was ordered to undergo three years of supervised probation.

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order to up the level of care to the life support system. The fire department and rescue squad has 40 volunteers and operates from three locations — McDowell, Hi Hat and Wheelwright.

Gullett said the department is asking for the support of the county in its endeavor and although a letter of support would be welcome, they prefer people go with them to Frankfort on May 15.

Gullett said the squad hopes to convince the Cabinet of the need by letters of support, documentation, dispatch logs and comments from county resi-

dents. What this would do is show evidence that some areas of the county do not receive service in a timely manner because there is currently not enough coverage.

According to Gullett, other ambulance services in the area do not support the Left Beaver Rescue Squad in its quest due to the threat of competition. However, he said it is not their purpose to attempt to replace the existing services but to provide assistance to them.

"I don't see how it could be anything but a win-win situation," said Gullett.

Candidates debate in Breathitt County

by RENEE M. SNOWDEN
BREATHITT COUNTY BUREAU

JACKSON — On April 22, the Lees College Van Meter Gym hosted the second-ever debate for candidates for local office, sponsored by the Jackson Times.

The debate began four years ago and is offered as a chance for candidates to explain to voters why they should be elected. After each speech, the public is given an opportunity to ask questions.

There were approximately 20 candidates who attended, including:

■ Ted Edmonds, candidate for state representative.

■ Raymond Landrum, candidate for constable in District 1.

■ Mackie Richerson, constable in District 1.

■ Steve Banks, candidate for commissioner in District 1.

■ Gary Taulbee, commissioner in District 1.

■ David T. Wheeler, candidate for commissioner in District 2.

■ James Herald Jr., candidate for commissioner in District 2.

■ Ira Southwood, candidate for commissioner in District 3.

■ James Turner, candidate for jailer.

■ Brendon Miller, candidate for county attorney.

■ Hershel Branson, candidate for county attorney.

■ Mary Lois Hudson Stevens, candidate for county clerk.

■ Lewis H. Warrix, candidate for county judge-executive.

Ted Edmonds, candidate for state representative, attended the candidate debate and encouraged people to vote for him. One topic he discussed was education. Edmonds said he is willing to help students who need financial assistance get an education.

Another candidate, Steve Banks, seeking the position of commissioner in District 1, gave his reasons why he should be elected. Banks promised he would work with the government to see that the county gets jobs and water.

"I will work for everyone, not just a brief few," said Banks.

Ira Southwood, candidate for commissioner in district 3, said if he were elected, he would try to bring a factory to the county. This would help bring more jobs, he said, and people wouldn't have to travel all the way to Winchester, Lexington, and other areas to work.

The primary election will be held May 28.

Fair

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tractors, has between 10 and 15 employees who came from Mayo Technical College.

"A lot of our employees have come out of Mayo," said company head Jerry Grot.

The Mountain Manor Nursing Home of Paintsville also benefits from graduates of Mayo.

"About 95 percent of our LPNs graduated from Mayo," said Mary Arms, the director of nursing.

American Standard seemed to garner a lot of attention from the attendees of the fair.

"We are very satisfied with the response that we have had today," said Fay Jamison, human resource manager for the company.

Other businesses represented

at the job fair included Pikeville Methodist Hospital, South Williamson ARH Hospital, Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Hazard ARH Hospital, IBEW Local Huntington, W.Va., Sonoco Products, Three Rivers Hospital, Arm Forces, Deskins Motors, Walters Motors, Highlands Regional Medical, McDowell ARH Hospital, Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Martin County Health, Big Sandy Family Abuse Center, Whayne Supply, R&S Truck Body, Citizens National Bank, First National Bank, Carl D. Perkins Job Corps, Big Sandy Area Development District, Mountain Top Bakery, Family Bank, Christian Appalachian Project and University of Kentucky Human Resources.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of McDowell ARH Laboratory on May 9 and 10, 2002, to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards.

Anyone believing that they have pertinent and valid information about the quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's Field Representative at the time of the survey. Requests for a public interview must be made in writing to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins, and must indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

Ambulatory Care Service Team Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
One Renaissance Boulevard
Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181

The interviewee will be notified of the date, time and location of the meeting.

Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Lorraine Williams Baldridge, 80, of Prestonsburg, native of Johnson County, died Saturday, April 20, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 22, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Laura Elizabeth Bevins, 88, formerly of Prestonsburg, native of Pikeville, died Friday, April 12, at Lakeland Healthcare Center in Milford, Indiana, following an extended illness. Graveside rites were conducted Tuesday, April 16, at Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel. Burke Funeral Home of Prestonsburg was in charge of arrangements.

Betty Joe Mullins Dempsey, 60, of Garrett, died Tuesday, April 16, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Cletis Randall Griffith, 61, of Martin, died Wednesday, April 24, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Lois Allen Griffith. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, April 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Thomas Eugene Kendrick, 41, of Otisville, Michigan, died Saturday, April 20, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Margaret J. "Peggy" Kidd of Harold, died Thursday, April 25, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Henry Kidd. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 28, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Ruby Mitchell McKee, 51, of Teaberry, died Friday, April 19, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 22, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Carroll Moore, 55, of Price,

died Tuesday, April 23, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Judy Collins Moore. Burial was in the Moore Family Cemetery at Price, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Grace Holbrook O'Brien, 71, native of Floyd County, died Friday, April 19, at the University Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

David Salisbury, 45, of Betsy Layne, died Monday, April 15, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Frances Ophelia Shepherd, 93, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, April 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Rhonda Faye Spurlock, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, April 23, following an extended illness. Burial will be in the Freeman Parsons Cemetery, Printer, on Saturday, April 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Minnie E. Todd, of Akron, Ohio, native of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, April 18, at the age of 88. A memorial service was held Monday, April 22, at the Adams Mason Memorial Chapel.

Pike County

Clyde Allen Brown, 18, of Athens, Ohio, died Saturday, April 20, in Ohio, the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 24, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Timothy Dotson, 37, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Phelps, died Friday, April 19, in Columbus. Funeral services are under the direction of R.S. Jones Funeral Home.

R. Clayton Gallion, 68, of

Jenkins, died Sunday, April 21, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 23, under the direction of Polly & Craft Funeral Home.

Agnes Nadene Haley, 76, of Jenkins, died Wednesday, April 17, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 20, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Bruce Kevin Hall, 39, of Pikeville, died Thursday, April 18, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Carol Case Hall. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 21, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Jay Lee Hamilton, 69, of Stone Coal, died Thursday, April 18, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Victoria Newsome Hamilton. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 21, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Elizabeth Ann Hamilton, 71, of Red Creek, died Monday, April 22, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 25, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Patricia Hatfield, 62, of Phelps, died Tuesday, April 16, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 20, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Charles Dexter Hawkins, 66, of Elkhorn City, died Monday, April 15, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 18, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

James "Jim" Wilhoite Hoppe, 77, of Pikeville, died Monday, April 22, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn L. Hoppe. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 24, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Carlos Huston, 62, of Jenkins, died Sunday, April 14, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 17, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Edna Marie Wallace Johnson, 82, of Mt. Sterling, formerly of Robinson Creek, died Monday, April 22, at Mary Childs Hospital, Mt. Sterling. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 25, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Albert Dodson Jr., 76, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, April 23, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Bullock Dotson. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 25, under the direction of J.W. Call

Roses

clean, novel, unusual and vigorous and all at the same time," he said.

Carruth has been breeding roses for 26 years, a passion that has been stirring within him since at age 11 when he sold seeds and did chores to earn enough money to buy his first 10 roses.

Among his creations are three AARS winners: "Sentimental," a bush with a distinctive scent and peppermint stripes; "Betty Boop," a bush bearing multi-colored blooms and named after the vintage cartoon character; and

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House

"welfare for politicians." On Friday, with Richards seated beside him and television cameras rolling, Williams had his aides whip out a chart to illustrate that spending in the Patton-

Forge general election surpassed spending totals in the 1991 general election. However, the greatest spending that year was in the parties' primary campaigns.

& Son Funeral Home.

Colonel John Blackburn Jr., 48, of Benson, Illinois, died Friday, April 19. He is survived by his wife, Sheri Allen Blackburn. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 24, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Eugene Justice, 64, of Freedom, died Wednesday, April 17, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 20, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

James Franklin Lambert, 88, of Fort Gay, West Virginia, formerly of Aflex, died Wednesday, April 17, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Lucy Lambert. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 19, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Gratho Layne, 52, of Pikeville, died Monday, April 22, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 25, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Evangelist Dennis Joe Mahon, 64, of Varney, West Virginia, died Saturday, April 20, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Pearl Mahon. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 23, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Vella Delphia Marshall, 73, of Burdine, died Wednesday, April 17, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 20, at the Burdine Freewill Baptist Church. Arrangements were under the direction of Polly & Craft Funeral Home.

James B. Maynard, 65, of Williamson, West Virginia, died Tuesday, April 23, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility. He is survived by his wife, Rhonda Lynette Workman Maynard. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 26, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Samuel David Mullins, 52, of Pikeville, died Thursday, April 18, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Patty Sue Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 21, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

Rose Ratliff, 79, of Fort Thomas, died Tuesday, April 16, at St. Elizabeth Hospice Unit, Covington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 19, under the direction of Muehlenkamp-Erschell Funeral Home.

Paul H. Robinette, 61, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, died Friday, April 19, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ypsilanti. Rogers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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"Fourth of July," a velvety red-and-white striped rose and the first climbing rose to win the AARS designation in 23 years. In the industry, Carruth is known as Mr. Stripe because of his penchant for developing roses with striped blossoms — still a novelty in the rose world.

While Carruth and Zary may have different breeding objectives, they agree on one thing: Progress is being made.

"If you were to line up the key roses from breeders around the world and using the AARS designation as a benchmark, you would see huge improvements in the last five years of introductions compared to what was available and considered tops 20 years ago. Going through 70 years of AARS, it is amazing to see the changes that have taken place in the quality of plant, quality of the blooms and so on. It is a pretty stunning picture of breeding progress," Zary said.

Glenda Conley Scaggs, 56, of Logan, West Virginia, formerly of Pikeville, died Tuesday, April 16. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 20, under the direction of James Funeral Home.

Bertha E. Mullins Scott, 88, of Beefhide, died Monday, April 22, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Mitchell "Mitch" Scott. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 24, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Joe Raltiff Sr., 49, of McCarr, died Sunday, April 21, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 24, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

Matilda "Tillie" Louise Bartley Stewart, 44, of Marrowbone, died Thursday, April 18, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Jerome Stewart. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 21, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Lillian Gail Thacker, 54, of Pikeville, died Sunday, April 21, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 25, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Edith Nancy Varney, 86, of Catlettsburg, native of Pike County, died Tuesday, April 16, at Sweet Run Elder Care, Kenova, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 18, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Dover Walters, 85, of Hatfield, died Monday, April 22, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 26, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Leonard Puckett, 55, of Salyersville, died Monday, April 15, at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Puckett. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 19, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Anna G. Fletcher, 62, of Stockbridge, died Wednesday, March 27, at Chelsea Community Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 1, under the direction of Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home.

Arvel Alan Wireman, 28, died Saturday, April 13, in Dallas, Texas. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 20, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Irene Baldridge, 83, of Paintsville, died Thursday, April 18, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 21, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Louella (Ludie) Burke McKenzie, 91, died Friday, April 19, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral ser-

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Brylinski doesn't seem to mind the responsibility.

In fact, he says he relishes the opportunity to reach those who have misconceptions about his faith and those who have not "tapped into their spirituality."

Why did the Buffalo, N.Y., native choose to move to rural Eastern Kentucky?

"I saw a need and I think this kind of ministry gives me more freedom to display my artistry," Brylinski said.

He said it was "not much of a challenge" to minister to Catholic families that already had faith in Jesus Christ. So, six years ago, he quit his parish of 12 years in Pittsburgh and joined a group of missionaries

that work in small Appalachian towns with few church-going residents.

Brylinski is part of Glenmary Home Missioners, priests who serve rural communities that have 1 percent, or less, Catholic population. The Cincinnati-based organization, which has a yearly budget of \$5.7 million, serves 60 communities in 11 states.

When becoming a member of Glenmary, priests have to commit the rest of their lives to the cause.

"I am very happy to be here and have this kind of opportunity and artistic freedom," he said. "It is amazing who you can reach with art."

Knott County

Elmer Lee Austin, 22, of Mayking, died Saturday, April 20, at Payne Gap. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 23, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

General Caudill, of Johnson Fork, died Friday, April 19, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 22, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Mallie Eldridge, 62, of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, died Thursday, April 18, at the Humana Hospital Audubon, Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 20, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Mary Patrick Everage, 78, of Elmrock, died Monday, April 15, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 18, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Clawson Gibson Jr., 75, of Detroit, Michigan, formerly of Knott County, died Wednesday, April 17, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 21, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Zola Gibson, 91, of Whitesburg, died Monday, April 17, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Healthcare Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 18, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Clive Gordon Hall, 66, of Kite, died Thursday, April 11, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Thomas Eugene Kendrick, 41, of Otisville, Michigan, died Saturday, April 20, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Glenna Thornsberry, 48, of Fairdale, died Monday, April 15, at Pippa Passes. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 17, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The National Day of Prayer (NDP) is an annual event established by an act of Congress which encourages Americans to pray for our nation, its people and its leaders. The NDP Task Force concentrates on the need to pray for those in leadership on all levels of national, church, and educational areas of influence. In 2002, the NDP will be observed on Thursday, May 2.

The primary reason we are to pray for our nation and its leaders is because God, in His word, commands us to. In 1 Timothy 2:1-3, the Apostle Paul urges believers to lift up "requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving" for everyone, especially for "kings and all those in authority."

The National Day of Prayer is a vital part of our heritage. Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued through our history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863. In 1952, a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman, declared an annual, national day of prayer. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of every May. Each year, the president signs a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. Last year, all 50 state governors plus the governors of several U.S. territories signed similar proclamations.

The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation. It enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. The unanimous passage of the bill establishing the National Day of Prayer as an annual event, signifies that prayer is as important to our nation today, as it was in the beginning.

We need to pray because the Bible commands us to (Matthew 6:5; Romans 12:12; 1 Thes. 5:17). Prayer is how we communicate with God and participate in His works. It grants us the privilege of experiencing God, keeps us humble before Him, strengthens the bonds between believers, and can succeed where other means have failed.

Why Pray For Our Nation?

God answers the prayers of His people. In 2 Chronicles 7:14, the

Lord instructs us in the importance of praying for our nation. Ask God to move in your neighborhood and community. Pray that people will turn to Him and seek His will for our land.

Why Pray For Our Leaders?

The Bible instructs us to pray for our leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-3). We are also told to pray for our leaders that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness (1 Timothy 2:2). Pray

HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

that our leaders will seek to serve God in a manner that is worthy of their positions of authority.

Why Pray For Our Communities?

Intercessory prayer has the power to change your community. It's time we take back our communities and cover them with our supplications. Intercede for your community. Ask God to bless your efforts as you seek to reclaim your neighborhood.

Why Pray For Our Families?

The family is an institution ordained by God. A healthy family should be a place of love, support, spiritual growth, and, of course, prayer. Now is the time to pray for the families of our country. Ask the Lord to grant strength, peace and guidance to families that are struggling each and every day.

Why Pray For Our Youth?

The youth of today will grow up to lead Twenty-first-century America. Each day conflicting moral standards, violence, and the latest, media scandals bombards them. In the midst of this turmoil, God is raising up an army of young people. Ask the Lord to make them bold in their faith.

What Else Can We Pray About?

Churches and Ministry Organizations

Courage and Strength

Ask God to help them:

- Stand strong in their convictions
- Be bold in their witness
- Meet America's spiritual needs
- Be a place of hope and healing

The Imprisoned and Persecuted

Protection and Unity

Ask God to help them:

- Endure their hardships
- Find joy in the midst of trials
- Encourage one another
- Find comfort in their faith

Mass Media, Cultural and Social Services

Wisdom and Knowledge

Ask God to help them:

- Reflect godly values in their work
- Be accurate and fair in their presentations
- Place a high value on truth and decency
- Be responsible with their influence

The Family

Blessing and Prosperity

Ask God to help families:

- Commit to the permanence of marriage
- Serve one another in love
- Be dedicated to each other
- Restore broken relationships

Personal Renewal and Moral Awakening

Reverence and Humility

Ask God to help us:

- Confess our sins
- Seek His direction
- Rely on Him instead of ourselves

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National Day of Prayer

Thursday May 2nd, has been declared a National Day of Prayer.

Prayers meetings will be held in the following communities.

- Wheelwright Senior Citizen's Center 10:00 a.m.
- McDowell ARH Hospital 10:30 a.m.
- City of Martin at the Grandstands 11:00 a.m.
- Floyd County Court House - Prestonsburg 12:00 p.m.
- Maytown picnic shelter 2:00 p.m.
- Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church 7:00 p.m.

Highlands Regional Medical Center in the Atrium of the Medical Office Building at 10:00 a.m. and at 8:00 p.m. Services will also be offered in the chapel from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Plans are also being discussed for prayer meeting at Highland Terrace and at Our Lady of the Way.

Please make plans to attend.

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National Day of Prayer

Thursday May 2nd, has been declared a national Day of Prayer. Prayers meetings will be held in the following communities.

May 2: Interdenominational National Day of Prayer observance will be held for those living in the Harold/Betsy Layne area at the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

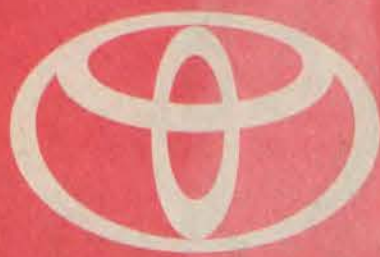
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Lawrence's Hostetter gives UT football first Class of 2003 commitment

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISA — Tennessee landed its first football commitment from the Class of 2003, and he's an Eastern Kentuckian.

Jared "Hoss" Hostetter, a 6-foot-5, 275-pounder, has

verbally committed to sign with the Vols following his senior season at Lawrence County High School.

"I can confirm that Jared has committed," said Lawrence County coach Gary McPeek, who led the Bulldogs to an 11-1 record in Kentucky's Class AAA ranks

last season. "Jared went down to Tennessee for their spring football game and he fell in love with the place. He wanted to commit early and get it behind him."

Hostetter has also visited Ohio State and Marshall, Nebraska and South Carolina have been recruiting him hard,

as well as in-state school Kentucky.

Hostetter played middle linebacker and tight end for Lawrence County last season. In addition, he also runs the 400 meters for the track team.

"Jared's a great athlete who could play numerous positions," McPeek said. "He

could play linebacker, defensive end, tight end, or he could even become an offensive lineman.

"He's a very intense player who works hard."

Hostetter bench presses 330 pounds. McPeek said

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COLLEGE GOLF

Pikeville College golfer advances to regional play

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — A Pikeville College freshman will spend Monday and Tuesday vying for a slot in next month's NAIA golf championships.

John Crum of Anderson, Ind., qualified as an individual to compete in the NAIA Region XI tournament, which will be held April 29-30 at the newly renovated Wasioto (pronounced Wah-SEE-oh-toe) Winds Golf Course in Pineville.

The course, for years a nine-hole

(See PIKEVILLE, page five)



SIDELINE SHOTS

Another moves up

How much does losing assistant coaches hurt a team?

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

We knew it was going to happen, didn't we? Wasn't it just plain obvious?

Mike Sutton, an assistant coach at the University of Kentucky who has spent much of his career working alongside the highly successful, but often scrutinized Tubby Smith, has been selected as the new men's basketball coach at Tennessee Tech University. The announcement was made on Friday.

The announcement was made by Dr. David Larimore, Tech athletics director, during a public event

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Mountain Christian Academy A-Team basketball players came together Thursday night during the school's athletics banquet.

photo by Steve LeMaster

MCA holds athletics banquet

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN — Mountain Christian Academy held its athletics banquet Thursday night in the gymnasium of the school. The 2001-02 basketball season was a banner season for the Christian school as it scored a C-Team county championship, and advanced far in the delayed A-Team tournament.

Head coach Tim Potter and other MCA educators, coaches and parents joined together to pay tribute to all MCA athletes.

Cheerleaders, Training League players, and boys and girls basketball players were among those honored.

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Mountain Christian Academy Training League players from this past season were among those honored during Thursday night's banquet.

photo by Steve LeMaster

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Locals take part in Executive Inn All-Star Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE — The Executive Inn All-Star Classic was held Saturday, April 20 at Dupont Manual High School in Louisville.

The freshman played first, while the graduating seniors had the last game of the all-day event. Sophomores and juniors are in between the freshman and seniors.

Top players from across the state participated in the event, including Robbie Simpson, Rajon Rondo, Steve McKinney, Sean Booker, David Cornwell, Nathan Myrick, Marques Dawson, Isaiah Mills, Larry Fox, Ross Neltner, Chris Gaitner, Tee Commodore, Robert Myrick, Larry Williams, Mohammed Camara, Quintin Smith and Petey Brown.

Locally, South Floyd senior Rusty Tackett and junior Michael Hall are both scheduled to play along with Millard's Adam Coleman. Hall impressed several on hand at the event as he played in the juniors game. He will return for his

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AUTO RACING

ARCA rookie set to tread old and new ground

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — 16-year-old Shelby Howard may be a rookie, but he does have a fair amount of miles under his belt at Salem Speedway. In fact, the ARCA RE/MAX driver made his series debut at the 55-year-old, high-banked half-mile, located in Southern Indiana.

He qualified 4th and finished 6th in that race last September. As a result, he not only became the youngest driver to ever compete in the series, but he became the

(See ARCA, page five)

ALC holds men's basketball banquet

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — The Alice Lloyd College men's basketball banquet was held Monday, April 22. Several team members were honored, including several former 15th and 14th Region standouts.

Coach Gary Gibson guided the Eagles in his first campaign as a head coach on the collegiate level last season.

Former Shelby Valley Wildcat Shannon Akers was presented the 3-point field goal award. This past season, Akers, one of the area's top players his senior year at Shelby Valley

High School, shot 45-percent from beyond the arc. Akers's three-point accuracy ranked seventh on the Appalachian Athletic Conference. Former Allen Central Runnin' Rebel Nick Samons took home the team's defensive player award.

Perry County Central product Kent Campbell won the coaches award. He

was also the ALC Scholar Athlete Award winner and an AAC Academic All-Conference honoree, taking home a certificate.

Tommy McKenzie, who just two seasons ago helped lead a Johnson Central team to Rupp Arena, was hon-

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file photo

Prestonsburg Little League get its 2002 season started Monday. Coaches from all area Little Leagues are asked to fax schedules and scoresheets to The Times.

MU signs two JUCO pitchers

Castle among other possible recruits

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall University baseball coach Dave Piepenbrink announced today the signing of a

pair of Maryland Junior College Players for the 2003 season.

Corie O'Bryan (5-11, 215) is a third baseman at Frederick Community College in Frederick, Md. He is currently hitting .443 this spring with five home runs, 12 doubles and 38 runs batted in. His team has played 23 games thus far this season.

"Corie is a hard-worker and a good player," Piepenbrink said. "He was a first team All-Maryland Junior College player last year, and should be again this

year. He will hit in the middle of the order and drive in some runs. I spoke with several of the other coaches in their league and he is the one player they all said they would like to have."

Also signing with the Herd out of the Maryland Junior College league was Scott Henning (6-2, 215), a left-handed pitcher and outfielder at Cecil County Community College. So far this season in 38 games he is hitting

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Cats signing on with NFL clubs

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Kentucky defensive end Dennis Johnson was selected by Arizona in the third round of the National Football League draft on Saturday, April 20.

Five other Wildcats have signed free agent contracts:

- WR Dougie Allen, Indianapolis Colts
- DE Chris Demaree, San Diego Chargers
- DT Derrick Johnson, Cincinnati Bengals
- TE Derek Smith, Indianapolis Colts

■ LB Jamal White, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Former Wildcat Marc Samuel Also a Free-Agent Signee: In addition to the signees listed above, former Wildcat kicker Marc Samuel has signed a free agent contract with the Buffalo Bills.

Samuel kicked for the Wildcats from 1997-99, needing only three years to graduate. For the last two years, he has kicked for Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., while studying in a program in which he will earn both his law degree and his master's in business administration.

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With spring practice concluded, the Wildcats have returned to the weight room for strength and conditioning workouts.

Meanwhile, the UK coaching staff is reviewing spring practice and preparing for the spring recruiting period that begins next week.

Kentucky Football Calendar:

- Spring final examinations April 29 - May 3
- Four-week Summer school May 7 - June 4
- Eight-week summer school June 6 - August 1
- UK summer football camps June 16-22
- SEC Media Days in Birmingham, Ala. July 30 - August 1 (UK appearance is Aug. 1)
- Freshmen report August 6
- Varsity reports August 9
- UK Media Day August 10
- Fall classes begin August 28
- Kentucky at Louisville September 1, time TBA



MCA put on the court a formidable girls' basketball team this past season.

photo by Steve LeMaster

■ OUR LADY OF THE WAY

OLM golf event scheduled

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Plans are being finalized for the sixth annual golf classic to benefit Our Lady of the Mountains School. The event will be held Monday, May 13 at the StoneCrest Golf Course in Prestonsburg. The tournament format will be a four-ball team scramble.

The tournament has proved to be a fun-filled event with both trophies and cash prizes being awarded. In addition to prizes for the first-, second- and third-place teams, prizes are awarded for closest-to-the-pin, longest drive, longest putt and hole-in-one. The awards will be presented at an awards dinner at StoneCrest immediately following the tournament.

The tournament is a major fundraiser by Our Lady of the Mountains School to raise funds for the private school. Our Lady of the Mountains (OLM) has been providing quality education in a Christian environment since 1945. Currently the school educates approximately 80 students who range from preschool through eighth-grade. The school serves students from Floyd, Johnson, Lawrence and Magoffin counties. No child is denied admission to OLM on the basis of race, religious preference or economic status.

There is still time to register a team or become a player of tournament sponsor by calling the school at 606/789-3661.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Mountain Christian Academy seventh-grade players and coaches took time out for a photo.

■ GOLF

VanHoose golfing to new heights on the collegiate level

EKU Women's Golf Team Heads to OVC Tournament in Paducah

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND - Johnson Central High School alumnus Beth VanHoose is a valuable member of the Eastern Kentucky University women's golf team. This week, VanHoose, a JCHS Class of 2001 graduate, joins her teammates this week in a very important post-season tournament.

The EKV women's golf team will head to Paducah, early next week for the Ohio Valley Conference

Golf Tournament. The tourney is slated for Mon.-Wed., Apr. 29-May 1, at the Country Club of Paducah and will include 18 holes of play each day.

The course has played host to the Kentucky State Amateur tournament and annually serves as a qualifying site for the State Amateur.

The Lady Colonels' last outing was Apr. 11-13 when they hosted the EKV Lady Colonel Classic at Arlington Golf Course in Richmond. EKV finished fifth out of 15 teams with a three-day total score of 960.

Making up the Lady Colonels' team this weekend will be senior Kelli Wilson, sophomores Tamara Thompson and Jennifer Sullivan and freshman Brittany Klein.

"The team is starting to come together, just at the right time and we are excited about con-

ference," said EKV head coach Joni Stephens. "The five golfers who will be representing EKV this week have all proven their ability to shoot the scores we need to be competitive, and after our play at the EKV Lady Colonel Classic, we feel confident that we can win the tournament."

Tennessee Tech is the defending OVC women's golf champion. Eastern Kentucky finished fourth in last year's tournament at Swan Lake Golf Course in Clarksville, Tenn.

Stephens speaks highly of VanHoose, one of two talented freshman golfers on her squad.

"Beth is one of the most positive, out-going, caring young women I have ever met. Beth is another who defines the term 'student-athlete', scoring a 31 on her ACT and finishing her first semester with a

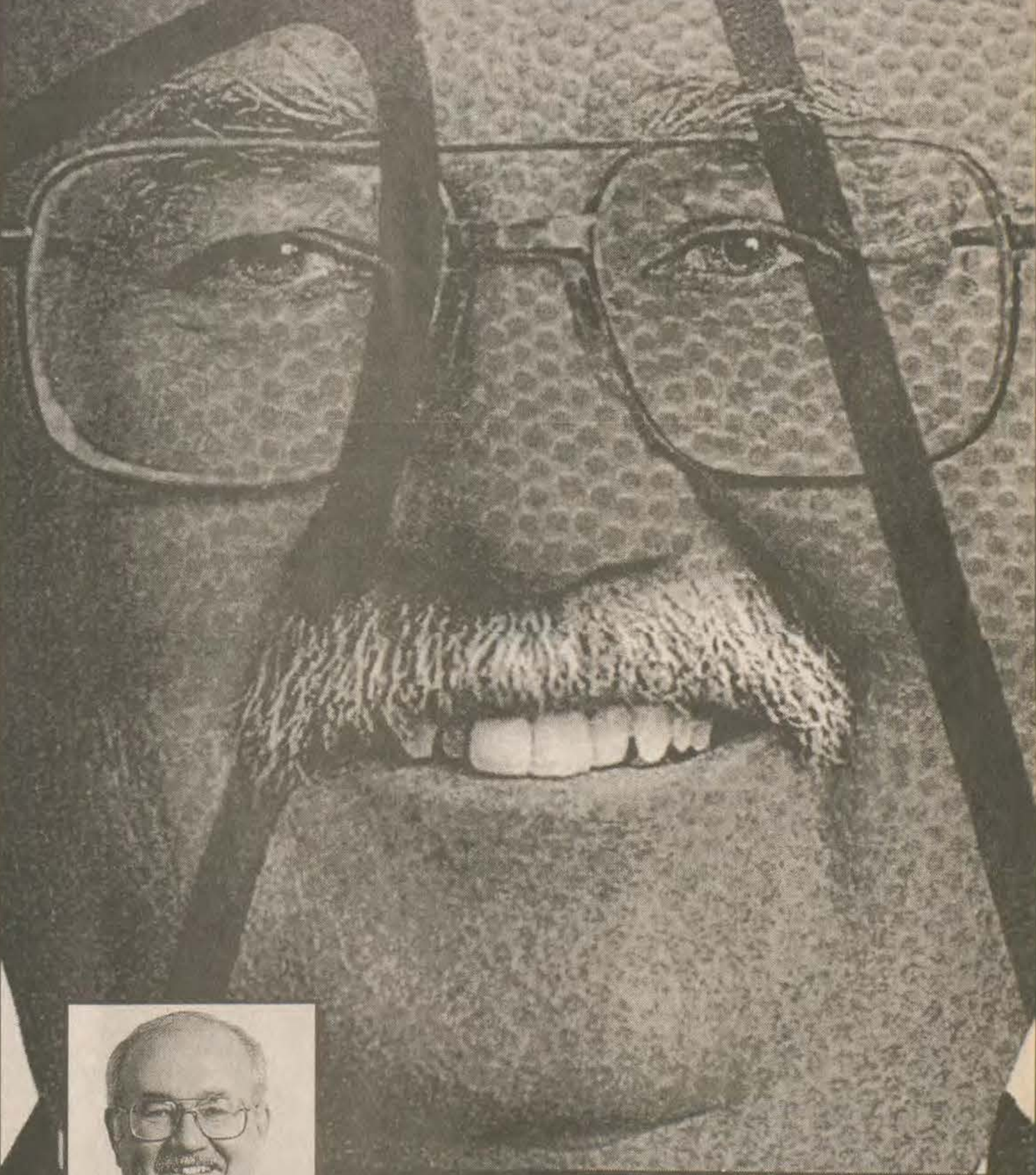
4.0 GPA," said Stephens. "She has a great work ethic; there is rarely a week that goes by that I don't see her working after practice on certain parts of her game. Beth hits the ball very straight and has a good short game. Her main weakness is her distance. Over the winter, Beth has been working hard on her conditioning. Increased strength coupled with a recent equipment change should see Beth getting greater distance on the course, improving her confidence during tournament play and dropping her scores into the low 80s."

VanHoose's brother, Jason VanHoose, plays golf for Pikeville College. Her other brother, Jeremy VanHoose, is a freshman at Johnson Central High School. All three are the children of Jimmy and Tammy VanHoose.



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\$20,000 barely covers the cellphone bill

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

We used to worry when a girl left home at 14 with a just a suitcase, an overbearing father and a coach to try her luck on the tennis circuit.

Now we have 16-year-old regulars in Major League Soccer and a 17-year-old out on the PGA Tour. Eighteen-year-olds with an entourage and their agents on speed-dial have become a fact of life in the NBA.

Nutritionists dictate their diets, personal trainers chisel their bodies, psychologists prop up their psyches and lawyers take care of the paperwork. No wonder the notion of teen-agers playing pro sports has lost its shock value.

Almost everyone has come around to the idea that a few million dollars is fair compensation for skipping geometry, the

prom and the rest of adolescence. And so the debate is less and less about how young is too young, and more and more

"It seems like we wrestle with the development issues every few years," NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said Thursday, "and nothing much ever changes."

about how much each prodigy is worth and who gets what share of the take.

That issue has caused the NCAA to re-examine its mis-

sion, to consider whether the offer of a \$20,000 loan and relaxed eligibility rules will make talented athletes pretend to be students for a few more semesters. But that amount barely covers the cellphone bill of one NBA teen-ager, let alone his pals, for a month.

It's also why the government in China has attached a lien to Yao Ming, the 22-year-old, homegrown basketball star who has become its most valuable international sporting asset. Like a parent who puts time and money into developing a prospect, the sports authorities there want half of Yao's potential NBA windfall to help pay for the programs and facilities that he used on the way up.

"It seems like we wrestle with the development issues every few years," NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said

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photo by Steve LeMaster
MCA cheerleaders gathered for a photo.

Casey's headaches, worries are gone

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The headaches and those depressing thoughts are gone. Sean Casey has recovered from a beating that left him unconscious.

It shows in his swing. The upbeat first baseman had one of his most frightening moments in baseball on April 13 at Philadelphia, when a pitch by Robert Person hit him on the right ear flap of his helmet.

Casey doesn't remember anything except regaining consciousness as he lay on the ground, surrounded by trainers and worried teammates.

"It was pretty scary," Casey said. "The whole thing of being knocked out, not really remembering those few seconds, just the pain I felt in my head for days afterward. It was more of a life issue than a baseball issue. Thoughts of my family and things like that went through my head."

Casey was taken to a hospital in Philadelphia for examination. He had a concussion that left him with a headache that lasted a few days and caused him to miss four starts.

In his first five games back, he hit .318 and drove in four runs. He had two hits, including an RBI single, in a 4-3 victory over Colorado in a game that ended at 12:45 a.m. EDT. Thursday.

"No more headaches or anything," Casey said. "No more pain in my head."

The beating was the second time in his career that Casey, 27, has suffered a major head injury. Two games into the 1998 season, he was hit in the right eye by a thrown ball during batting practice. He needed 20 stitches to close cuts around the eye and surgery to fix broken bones.

He was unmarried when he

hurt his eye, and came through that ordeal with his usual enthusiasm. Casey has a wife and a 6-month-old son, and they were in his thoughts after he got hit in Philadelphia.

"It changes your perspective a lot," he said. "I don't know what I'd do if anything happened to me or my wife, having to raise a son. You don't think about that and when like that something happens, it's pretty scary. It makes you think a bit."

Some batters find themselves flinching when they get back into the batter's box for the first time after a beating. Casey had no problems.

"Not really," he said. "It's one of those things where I've got to get back in there and do it. It's my job and I get paid to do that. I can't be afraid to step in the box."

Casey had one other concussion in his life. That one was nasty, too.

"I was in the fourth grade," he said. "I stood on a kickball, put two feet on it and that was it. I don't remember it. I'd rather like to avoid those at all costs."

Just as he did when he hurt his eye, Casey has come through the latest injury by putting things in perspective.

"You go through things sometimes that aren't great, but you get through them," he said. "Everything turned out all right. There are a lot of people a lot worse off. I was definitely scared, but when you think about what's going on in the world today, my problem's not even on the radar screen."

JUNIOR ON THE RUN:

Ken Griffey Jr. will get to resume running this weekend.

Griffey tore the patella tendon in his right knee on April 7. He's been receiving therapy and taking batting practice, but hasn't been permitted to run. He'll

try running for the first time on Sunday.

"Sunday is big," manager Bob Boone said. "That's the first time we'll get an indication. He'll have to tell us how stable or unstable it feels."

There's no target date for his return. He's expected back within a few weeks.

GO TO A GAME, WARM UP THE SHORTSTOP:

Cody Trent was standing along the front rail next to the Reds' dugout Thursday night, watching shortstop Barry Larkin warm up with third baseman Aaron Boone a few feet away.

Larkin turned toward the 13-year-old Little League shortstop/pitcher from Kettering and saw that he was wearing a glove.

"Can you catch?" Larkin asked.

"Yeah," the boy said.

Larkin made the boy part of their warmup session, tossing him the ball between throws to Boone.

OESTER FINE WITH PHILLY:

Former Reds coach Ron Oester came to Cinergy Field on Thursday to see Rockies manager Buddy Bell, a friend and former teammate. They swapped stories in the visiting manager's office before the game.

The Reds fired Oester after last season, when he suggested the team needs to make major changes to become competitive again. He now is a roving minor league infield coordinator for the Philadelphia Phillies.

"Philadelphia is a great organization," Oester said. "They treat people the way you ought to be treated. They're first-class."

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Sideline

Friday morning in Eblen Center.

Sutton will begin his new assignment immediately, with recruiting, getting familiar with his players, putting a coaching staff in place, and directing the popular Golden Eagle Summer Basketball Camps as his first priorities.

Sutton is currently in his fifth season as an assistant coach at Kentucky, where his duties include on-floor coaching and off-campus recruiting. He helped lead UK to three Southeastern Conference regular season championships and three SEC tournament titles.

Not too shabby, huh? The team played in the NCAA tournament all five seasons, and won the national title in 1998 with a 35-4 record.

Quite possibly the most important thing about Sutton is the fact that he was so well-liked and received by the UK men's basketball players.

In all, during his nine seasons of collegiate coaching, Sutton

has helped take teams to nine NCAA tournament appearances.

"In Mike Sutton, you will find a man who invokes an image of integrity, class and enthusiasm," said UK head coach Tubby Smith in an interview held this week. "Mike's work ethic, character and desire to be successful will all serve him well, and he understands that academics must be the first priority of the students. He is a true 'team player' and he will bring an uptempo style of play in a well-coached system that will be fun to watch. His teams will be disciplined on and off the court."

Sutton met with the returning Golden Eagle players during his on-campus visit earlier in the week.

"One of the things that impressed me the most was the team or family atmosphere at the school," Sutton said. "Everyone was very supportive of the program and showed a genuine interest in the players."

"The young men in the program are a great group and I am really looking forward to coaching them," Sutton added. "I was really impressed by their attitude and the way they are respected by the people associated with the athletic department and the school."

Sutton inherits a team that has won back-to-back Ohio Valley

Conference championships and posted a 27-7 overall record while reaching the Elite Eight of the National Invitation Tournament in 2001-2002.

"I hope to continue to build on the things that have already been accomplished at Tech by coach Lebo, coach Harrell and the most important people in any program, the players," Sutton said. "And, by players, I am including every one who has ever worn the purple and gold for teams from Puty

Overall to Jeff Lebo.

Obviously, Sutton has done some good things in his time in Lexington as an assistant under Smith.

So, the question arises. Just how much does losing a top-notch assistant coach hurt a basketball program? Only time will tell. Sutton and the TTU team begin play in the Ohio Valley Conference next season with high hopes and a fresh, new start.

HORSE RACING

Kentucky Derby '02: 'Everybody thinks he has a shot'

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Bond — trainer H. James Bond — is Derby bound for the first time with Buddha.

Laffit Pincay Jr. returns for his 21st Kentucky Derby ride, aboard Medaglia d'Oro, matching Eddie Arcaro for the second most mounts in America's greatest race.

In between, there's a Derby delight for racing fans around

the world in what promises to be one of the most wide-open fields in 128 runnings:

■ The Irish are coming with Johannesburg and Castle Gandolfo.

■ Sheik Mohammed is back again, this time with Essence of Dubai.

■ Racing's Phipps family returns for the first time since 1989 with Saarland, owned by the daughter of Ogden Phipps.

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senior season next fall at South Floyd looking to lead the Raiders back to the State Tournament. Tackett remains undecided on his college choice.

GRADE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

BLES varsity beats Adams

AMS JV gets impressive victory

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Adams Middle School junior varsity was successful in a contest against its Betsy Layne Elementary counterparts in volleyball action Thursday night. But the same wasn't true for the AMS varsity squad.

The Betsy Layne varsity scored a win over the AMS varsity, 15-3, 15-5. In the JV game, it was 15-2, 15-13, in favor of host Adams.

Melissa Slone led the way for

the Betsy Layne JV with six total points. Elizabeth Chafins paced Adams to the win with six points of her own.

In the final contest of the night, Betsy Layne's Amanda Hunter led the way with eight total points. Elizabeth Chafins also paced the Adams varsity team with six total points.

Other key contributors for the victorious Betsy Layne varsity were Lindsey Cross, Candice Meade, Bethany Tackett, Tiffany Daniels and Shereece Lee.

Betsy Layne has proved itself as the one of the top varsity grade school teams in Floyd County, early on in the season.

Betsy Layne was back in action on Friday night at home against Allen, another county front-runner. Results from that contest were unavailable.

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ored for being tops on the team is free-throw shooting, field-goal shooting and assists. McKenzie ranked first in the AAC in free-throw shooting (84-percent) and third in assists (115 total, 3.8 per game).

Last but certainly not least on the list of award-winners was senior Jason Collins was honored for most total points (516),

scoring average per game (18.4), rebounds (269, 9.6 per game), steals (62 total, 2.2 per game). During a sensational senior season Collins, a Man, W.Va. native, was also named Team MVP. He received an AAC All-Conference Certificate. The West Virginian was also recognized Honorable Mention All-American.

JUCO

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.449 with four home runs, 11 doubles and 48 RBI. On the mound he has posted a 4-0 record that includes a no-hitter. He has struck out 23 hitters in just 26 innings of work.

"Scott will give us another left-handed hitter to balance our lineup," Piepenbrink said. "He was second team All-Conference as a freshman. He will really fill a need for us. He is a hard-worker and is a kid that hates to lose."

"We are losing a lot in the outfield this year and he can fill a starting role there and be a spot pitcher for us."

Heath Castle, a Johnson

Central High School three-sport star who has spent the last two seasons pitching for St. Catherine's Junior College. He was drafted by the White Sox in last spring's Major League Baseball draft, but was never placed on a farm team. Castle could possibly sign with Marshall. The former Johnson Central hurler has been the subject of a lot of recent recruiting talk. While in high school, Castle helped lead his high school football team to the playoffs and his high school basketball team to Rupp Arena at the Boys' Sweet Sixteen State Basketball Tournament.

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he's a cinch to qualify, because he has 3.3 grade point average and has scored a 23 on his ACT exam.

Hostetter said the decision allows him to concentrate on his senior season this fall.

"I can't wait for next year to

try to win a state championship," he said. "We're going to have a good defensive team. It's going to be fun."

An early test for Hostetter and LCHS this fall will be a contest versus Prestonsburg on August 31 in the Recreation Bowl.

COLLEGE BOWLING

MSU national champs

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOREHEAD — The Morehead State University Lady Eagles bowling team has reclaimed the title of national champion.

The Lady Eagles defeated the Wichita State University Lady Shockers on Saturday, April 20, to win the 2002 Intercollegiate Bowling Championship in Buffalo, N.Y. The final match is scheduled to air Thursday, May 16, at 3:30 p.m. on ESPN2.

The victory marks the third time in the past five years that the MSU women have held the national title. The Lady Eagles previously won the IBC Championship in 2000, 1998 and 1989.

The 2002 Lady Eagles are: Stacey Bokina, Peconic, N.Y., graduate student; Jessica DeCrescente, Mechanicville, N.Y., senior; Joy Esterson, Annapolis, Md., senior; Marisa Lamm, Islip Terrace, N.Y., junior; Andrea Salazar, Morehead sophomore; Jamie Brunswick, Kettering, Ohio, sophomore; and Melissa Brownie, Chester, Va., freshman.

Ranked fifth in the nation, the MSU women's team marched through the three-day,

double-elimination tournament without a loss. All matches were decided in a best-of-three Baker style format. MSU defeated Shippensburg University, Pikeville College and Florida State to advance to the finals.

For the championship, MSU and Wichita State played to a 191-191 tie in the first game. MSU won the second game 163-156, but Wichita State dominated the third game 222-128. In the tie-breaking fourth game, Esterson rolled an eight spare to begin the 10th frame. Needing seven pins for the title, she bowled a strike to edge out the Lady Shockers 178-174.

"There's nothing like winning," said Larry Wilson, MSU women's bowling coach, "especially for Stacey, Joy and Jessica, who were also on the national championship team in 2000."

Bokina, who received the tournament's Most Valuable Player award, was named, along with Esterson, to the 2002 IBC Women's All-Tournament Team.

Wilson says he's now looking ahead to defend the title next year. "Four members are returning and we're already getting commitments from students who plan to join the MSU team in the fall."

ARCA

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youngest driver to ever lead an ARCA REMAX race. Before his move to the series, Howard raced at Salem numerous times over the past few seasons and he just had a test session there last week; so needless to say, he's very familiar with the track.

"We have a pretty good short-track car, so we're going to Salem with pretty high expectations," Howard said.

Howard and the CIMCO Racing crew are fired up and raring to go for the Kentuckiana Ford Dealers 200 at Salem Speedway today at 1 p.m. EDT. The race will be broadcasted live on Speed Channel.

The learning curve jumps quite a bit for the next race, the Channel 5-155 at Kentucky Speedway on May 11.

Howard prepared for that event by testing at Kentucky this past Tuesday. The team made several test runs and picked up their lap times each trip out. Howard was pretty satisfied with the results, especially since it was his first visit to the 1.5-mile tri-oval, located in Sparta. "This track is so wide and smooth, I adjusted to it pretty quickly. The T&L (Engine Development) horsepower was strong and we kept improving the more we ran," Howard said. "I was feeling really comfortable out there considering it was our first look at

the track.

"Kentucky is such an awesome facility. I'm definitely looking forward to coming back here in 2 weeks for the Channel 5-155," Howard continued.

The 155-mile race will be broadcasted live at 8 p.m. EDT on Saturday, May 11 by WLWT-TV 5, out of Cincinnati, as well as carried by Speed Channel.

TEAM SPONSOR INFO:

iHigh.com will again be featured on the No. 64 Chevrolet Monte Carlo this weekend at Salem. iHigh's racing debut two weeks ago at Nashville was a great success with a ninth place finish and a visit to one of the local high schools. Currently, they are evaluating their involvement on a race-by-race basis.

ON THE NET...

To learn more about iHigh, please visit www.ihigh.com.

For all of the latest information on Shelby Howard, visit his website at www.shelbyhoward.com.

Note:

Floyd County native Amber Estes, the former Amber Branham plays a pivotal role with Shelby Howard Racing. She is a graduate Lawrence County High School.

Pikeville

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par three, reopened last summer as an 18-hole, state-of-the-art facility.

Crum qualified for the tournament by shooting consecutive 77s in the Mid-South Conference tournament last week at the London Country Club. The top three individuals in either the MSC, the TranSouth Conference or in-region independents whose teams did not reach the tournament have been invited to the regional event.

"John has had an excellent season, especially considering this is his first semester on the course," said Pikeville's coach, Dr. James Riley. "With only three individuals being invited, this is a great honor."

Crum was somewhat disappointed in his 154, saying he had a triple-bogey each day that hurt him. "It was on 18 the first day at 16 the second," he

said.

"Other than that, I played well."

Exceptional golf is nothing new for Crum, who made the all-tournament team with a 72 in the single-day tournament at Transylvania two weeks ago. "Since then, he's played very well," said Riley.

Crum grew up playing the IGA/PGA Junior Tour in Indiana. He played in the Master's of that group several times, and was an age-group state champion.

He has also played in the regional tournaments on the high school level. Crum believes there is no secret as to his improved play recently. "I started real slow, but since the weather has gotten better, I've been playing better," he said.

With any luck, Mother Nature will cooperate beginning Monday in Bell County.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Free agent quarterback works out for Bengals

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Free agent quarterback Gus Frerotte says he would be interested in playing for the Cincinnati Bengals if he is given a chance to compete for the starting job.

Otherwise, Frerotte said he will try to re-sign with the Denver Broncos as the backup to Brian Griese.

Frerotte, 30, said he made his intentions clear to Bengals coaches on Wednesday when he worked out for them and passed a medical examination.

"I've made it clear throughout my whole free agency that I want to play or I want to have competition, or I'm going to go back to Denver," he said.

"I'm not getting any younger, and I feel I can offer a lot to the team," he said. "I just want to come in and play."

On Dec. 26, Frerotte had reconstructive surgery on his throwing shoulder after injuring it against Kansas City on Dec. 16. He said he is about 90 percent to 95 percent recovered and still rehabilitates his shoulder twice a week.

Jim Lippincott, the Bengals' director of player personnel, said negotiations have not started with Frerotte's agent, Marvin Demoff, and the team doesn't have any timeline set. Lippincott said team vice president Paul H. Brown will handle negotiations.

The Bengals open their annual minicamp on May 4. Training camp starts July 26.

The Bengals did not draft a quarterback last weekend. That gives them Jon Kitna, who started 15 games in 2001 and threw

for 12 touchdowns but 22 interceptions; Alike Smith, who is ahead of his rehabilitation schedule after hamstring surgery in December, but whose health is still unknown; and Scott Covington.

Frerotte, entering his ninth NFL season, threw passes for about 30 minutes Wednesday to Bengals receivers Peter Warrick and T.J. Houshmandzadeh.

Bengals offensive coordinator Bob Bratkowski said Frerotte looked good.

"Right now, Jon is the starter," Bratkowski said. "But common sense tells us if someone comes in that's better than your starter, you make some changes."

The Bengals have tried during the offseason to sign an established free agent quarterback. They made overtures to Elvis Grbac, who then announced his retirement; Trent Dilfer, who chose to re-sign with Seattle, and Drew Bledsoe, later traded by New England to Buffalo.

Frerotte hasn't started regularly since the 1997 season with the Washington Redskins. He also has played for Detroit.

Last season with the Broncos, he threw for 308 yards and three touchdowns in limited action. He was injured in his lone start, against Kansas City, and ended the season on injured reserve.

He has been throwing for about a month to get back into shape.

"I think you could tell he was coming off the injury, but he threw the ball with some speed and velocity," Bratkowski said.

Bill

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Thursday, "and nothing much ever changes."

Except that the kids at the center of the tug-of-wars get younger.

Three years ago, a regular Sports Illustrated feature titled "This Week's Sign That the Apocalypse Is Upon Us" was devoted to 6-foot-9 1/2 Kentucky schoolboy Brandon Bender, who announced that he might skip his senior year of high school to enter the NBA draft.

Bender didn't but a few weeks from now, another kid might. His name is LeBron James, and he doesn't turn 18 until the end of December. People who've seen the junior from Akron, Ohio's St. Vincent-St. Mary High School have few doubts about whether he's ready for the NBA — even if that's not an option yet.

The NBA, like several pro leagues, already has a minimum-age requirement in the collective bargaining agreement with its players' union. It stipulates that no player can be drafted until his high school class has graduated. League lawyers have assured commissioner David Stern that the NBA would win any legal fights, and so rumors that James intends to challenge age requirement are probably just that.

More intriguing are the rumors that James will spend the year playing AAU ball or take millions to play professionally in Italy. Relatives have said he'll be back for his senior year, but two things are certain: First, the day James turns pro, a sneaker deal will make him a millionaire; and second, no matter where he spends next year, college will not be in his immediate

future.

The NCAA resigned itself years ago to losing a talent like James. And as much hand-wringing as there used to be over kids leaving school early, the leagues have learned from their mistakes.

For every flameout — think Korleone Young or Leon Smith — there has been a spectacular success — Kobe Bryant and Kevin Garnett. More encouraging still, there have been several kids like Jermaine O'Neal, who served solid apprenticeships and are developing into likable young stars.

It was with the O'Neals of the basketball world in mind that the NCAA began rethinking its concept of amateur athletics. Now, it's not just the prodigies who are skipping college and leaving early. Half the top eight picks in last year's NBA draft were high schoolers; only one college senior was taken in that span.

The NCAA's member universities are increasingly unhappy about losing their share of the athletic arms race. Whether they'll be able to do much about it remains anyone's guess.

Developing athletic talent is less chaotic when it's run by the state, or by powerful clubs, such as the soccer teams in Europe. Twelve-year-old talents are identified, catalogued, sent to academies, signed, trained and delivered to pros a few years later at fixed costs.

"That sounds great," Granik said, "but there's no chance people in this country would ever go for that."

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Co-defendant admits tampering, will testify against Williams

by JEFFREY GOLD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWARK, N.J. — A former college basketball player will testify against Jayson Williams under a plea bargain in the case of a limousine driver shot to death inside the former NBA All-Star's estate.

Kent Culuko, 29, pleaded guilty Thursday in Superior Court in Flemington to tampering with evidence and witnesses. He agreed to testify against Williams and co-defendant John Gordnick, 44, and could avoid serving any time in jail under provision of a state law for first-time offenders.

Culuko admitted in court that he wiped the gun and moved it after the shooting and told the other people in the room to say they were downstairs when it happened. Culuko said he did these things at Williams' request.

Williams is charged with manslaughter in the Feb. 14 death of limo driver Costas Christofi. Prosecutors say the co-defendants, both friends of Williams, tampered with evidence to make it look as if the victim, not the former New Jersey Net, fired the gun.

Culuko's lawyer, John Lacey, said his client soon backed off that claim.

"He acknowledged wiping down the gun after the fact, and he acknowledged influencing other people into telling a story that was different from the truth," Lacey said. "The important thing is, and the prosecutor's office acknowledged this by admitting him into the pre-trial program, is that later that day, Kent and others informed the authorities that this was an accident and not self-inflicted."

Culuko did not specify in

court which witnesses he influenced, and Lacey would not identify them.

Judy Smith, a spokeswoman for Williams, would not comment on Culuko's guilty plea, saying only, "Jayson Williams intends to enter a plea of innocent to all charges at the appropriate time."

Neither Acting Hunterdon County Prosecutor Stephen Lember nor Williams attorney, Joseph Hayden, immediately returned phone calls seeking comment Thursday.

Culuko, who played basketball at James Madison, is the school's career leader in games played, minutes played and 3-pointers. He was an all-Colonial Athletic Conference choice in 1994.

Prosecutors said Williams was recklessly handling a 12-gauge shotgun when it went off, hitting

Christofi in the chest.

According to court documents, Williams, Culuko and Gordnick then tried to replace Williams' fingerprints on the gun with Christofi's and conceal clothing Williams wore during the shooting, hoping to make police think it was a suicide.

Williams, who retired from the Nets in 2000, remains free on \$270,000 bail.

Culuko and Gordnick were charged with evidence tampering, conspiracy to obstruct the administration of law and two counts of hindering another's apprehension. If convicted on all

charges, Culuko could have faced 18 years in prison.

Christofi, 55, was apparently invited on a tour of Williams' mansion in Alexandria Township after picking up the former NBA player's friends at a Harlem Globetrotters game in Bethlehem, Pa., prosecutors said.

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MCA

All players and cheerleaders in seventh grade or below received trophies.

Eighth-graders received commemorative plates. Saying somewhat of a final good-bye on Thursday night were five eighth-graders, four boys and one girl. Eighth-grade boys Lewis Barnette, Matthew Potter, Adam Milam and Sean Leslie, were all honored, along with girls basketball player

Stephanie Williams, the lone eighth-grade girl. A teary-eyed Coach Potter made presentations along with his fellow coaches.

Other basketball players honored included Lincoln Slone, Steve Slone, Jacob Moak, Mike Bednarz, Josh Ousley, Landon Slone, Jeremy Pack, Taylor Clark, Jordan Chaffins, Byron Hall, Clinton Turner, Matthew

Tackett, Zach Bragg, Matthew Prater, Mike Burchett, Tyler Hall, Terence Marshall, Tyler Newman, Kendra Sammons, Kellie Farthing, Katie LeMaster, Robyn Warrix, Whitney Hackworth and Kaitlyne Hackworth.

Expectations are already high at MCA. Many MCA backers are looking very forward to next season.

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photo by Steve LeMaster

The MCA C-Team, Floyd County Champions, were honored during Thursday night's banquet held in the gymnasium. Not all C-Team players were on hand.

Derby

who died this month.

Trainer Bob Baffert, a two-time winner, saddles War Emblem for Saudi Arabian Prince Ahmed Salman.

And four-time winning trainer D. Wayne Lukas just made it, with a Kentucky-bred named Proud Citizen.

Harlan's Holiday, trying to become just the second Ohio-bred to wear the blanket of roses, is the likely favorite in what looks to be a full field of 20 3 year olds. The odds could be the highest ever for a favorite — Churchill Downs linemaker Mike Battaglia is considering making the favorite 5-1.

"Harlan's Holiday is a little warrior, but once you get past him, they're all the same," said trainer Nick Zito, a two-time Derby winner who still has an outside chance of saddling a starter on Saturday. "If there's ever a year to take a shot, this is it."

You bet.

For those who don't like wagering on the biggest names in racing, consider some alternatives:

Blue Burner finished fifth in the Wood Memorial, yet his owner, New York Yankees boss George Steinbrenner, is sending the colt to the Derby.

Came Home, with six wins in seven starts, has been rejected by most handicappers who swear the gutsy colt isn't bred to win at the Derby distance of 1 1/4 miles.

Ocean Sound, who broke his maiden last May, is riding a nine-race losing streak.

Perfect Drift, the Spiral Stakes winner, will be trying to win after a six-week layoff. The last horse to do that was

Needles in 1956.

Private Emblem, the Arkansas Derby winner, will try to become the first New York-bred to win.

Buddha and Bobby Frankel-trained Medaglia d'Oro are the most unseasoned of the group. A victory by either would mark the first Derby win by a horse with just four previous starts since Exterminator in 1918. It's allinthechase would be making his 15th start.

"There's a lot more questions this year because there's not one you look at and say, 'He's got it all, he's got to be the favorite,'" said Lukas. "That's why you see everybody trying so hard and wanting to get in. Everybody thinks he has a shot."

Lukas' final Derby shot came through last Saturday, when Proud Citizen won the Lexington Stakes. Last year, Lukas' record streak of 20 consecutive Derby starts ended.

While his colt will be a long shot, it's unwise to count out the Hall of Famer. In 1999, Charismatic, also a Lexington winner, took the Derby at odds of 31-1; in '95 Thunder Gulch won at 25-1.

"I'm sure there's going to be a lot of handicapping going on as there always is," said Lukas. "But we're lucky in that race. And we've got a very fresh horse that has not gone to the well yet."

Lukas isn't alone. Quite a few late-developers are rounding into form, starting with Buddha and Medaglia d'Oro.

Buddha has a three-race winning streak after finishing out of the money in his only race as a 2 year old. He won the Wood

Memorial on April 13 in his stakes debut.

Medaglia d'Oro made a giant leap from winning at six furlongs at Oaklawn Park on Feb. 9 to winning the San Felipe Stakes at 1 1-16 miles on March 17. In the Wood, the dark bay colt battled Buddha down the stretch before losing by a neck.

Both colts worked this week, and their trainers pronounced them fit. Buddha went six furlongs in 1:14 2/5 at Belmont, Medaglia d'Oro five furlongs in 1:01.40 at Churchill Downs.

After the Wood, Bond said Buddha's seasoning was a "real concern." After the workout, he said: "He worked good, his coat looked good and all his blood work came back fine. Were going to go to into the race doing what we've always done. He can't read the papers or the figures."

Frankel, a Hall of Fame trainer, tries for a third time to win the Derby. "I didn't want to do too much," Frankel said of Medaglia d'Oro's work. "He had a hard race the other day, so we'll just keep him happy."

At least he qualifies to run. Currently, there are more than 20 horses set for the Derby. If that continues, the field will be determined by graded stakes earnings.

Among those waiting for a change in the rankings are Sunday Break, trained by Hall of Famer Neil Drysdale, who won the 2000 Derby with Fusaichi Pegasus.

"If it happens, it happens," Drysdale said. "There seems to always be some horses drop out as the race draws near."

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Local students make dean's list at Centre College

Lesley Stout of Prestonsburg and Nora Traum of Kuttawa have been named to the fall term dean's list at Centre College, an honor reserved for students who maintain at least a 3.60 grade point average.

Stout is the daughter of James and Carolyn Stout of Prestonsburg and is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

Traum is the daughter of Clarence and Carolyn Traum of Prestonsburg, and is a graduate of The Piarist School.

Kentucky's highest ranked national institution, Centre is listed by U.S. News and World Report among the country's top 50 national liberal arts colleges. Centre leads all colleges and universities in the percentage of alumni who give annual financial support.

Local student inducted into EKU education honorary

A Floyd County resident was inducted recently into Eastern Kentucky University's chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an honorary society for students in teacher education.

The inductees include Cori Duty, of Prestonsburg.

The students have joined a society with more than 325 chapters across the United States, including six in Kentucky. Members must have a 3.25 GPA on a 4.0 scale and be at least juniors, majoring in teacher education.

The Society works to support excellence in scholarship, high personal standards, improvement in teacher preparation, distinction in achievement, and contributions to education.

Eastern Kentucky University is a comprehensive university serving about 14,500 students on its 725-acre Richmond campus, throughout its 22-county extended service region, and beyond.

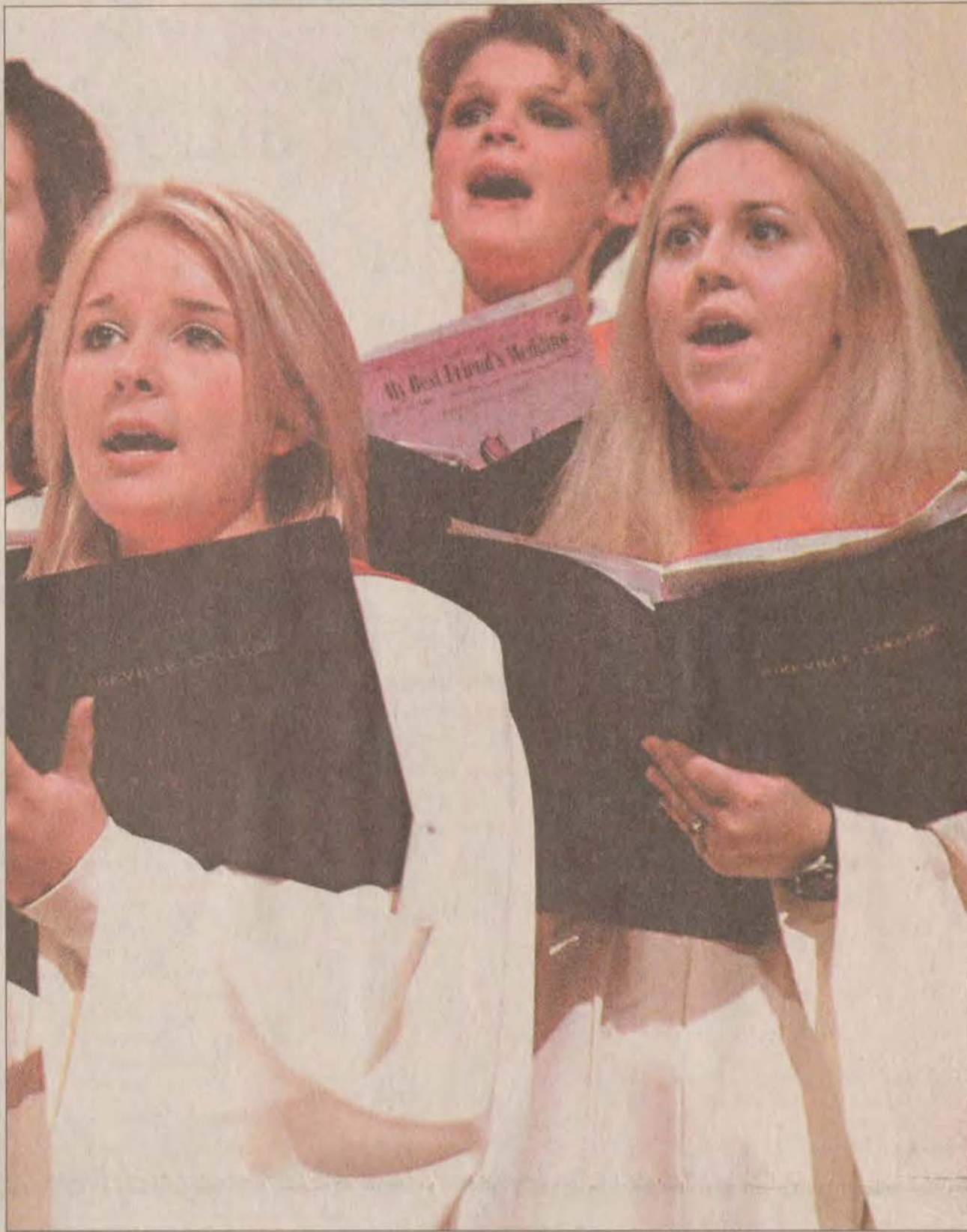
MSU to open West Liberty campus

WEST LIBERTY — The new \$6 million home of Morehead State University at West Liberty will be officially opened Wednesday, in activities starting at 4 p.m. with an open house for the general public.

MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin and other dignitaries will cut a ceremonial ribbon at 6 p.m. and a brief program will follow. Members of the MSU at

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Pikeville College Choir



The community is invited to join the Pikeville College Concert Choir for the final performance of the spring concert season on Tuesday, April 30. The evening features a revue of timeless classics made famous by female groups from the 1950s, blended with today's top hits from female groups like En Vogue and Destiny's Child. The choir will also perform an eclectic mix of urban and southern gospel favorites, jazz and classical tunes, and a medley from Phantom of the Opera. The "Divas" ensemble, a favorite from the fall concert season, will also be returning for a repeat performance. The concert is free to the public and gets under way at 7:30 p.m. in Booth Auditorium. For more information, contact the Office of Public Affairs at (606) 218-5271.

Time to renew your student financial aid

If you applied for student financial aid last year (the 2001-02 academic year), regardless of whether you enrolled in school or not, you will need to re-apply for financial aid for 2002-03. Whether used or not, a financial aid award is

Whether used or not, a financial aid award is only good for one academic year (August-July); therefore, you must re-apply for federal student aid every year to determine your eligibility for assistance for the upcoming academic year.

There are three (3) ways to renew your student financial aid: (1) complete an entirely new Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, (2) file the paper

Renewal FAFSA, or (3) complete your Renewal FAFSA on the Internet.

Using either the paper 2002-03 FAFSA form (obtained from a Commonwealth Educational Opportunity Center counselor or your school's financial aid office) or the Internet version (found at www.fafsa.ed.gov), you must provide all the information for the required fields on the form, just as you did the first time you filed in 2001-02.

There are benefits to filing a Renewal FAFSA over completing an entirely new FAFSA. Because the Renewal FAFSA is based on the information you supplied when you filed in 2001-02, you will have fewer questions to answer. With the Renewal FAFSA, you simply update existing

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MSU Pi Kappa Phi fraternity member goes the 'extra mile'

submitted article

He's not just sight-seeing, this May, Ethan Martin, a Morehead State University senior from Floyd County,

will be doing something quite different from the average college student. As a member of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, Martin will serve as his fraternity's representative in the

"Push America" program.

Representatives from the Push America program "go the extra mile" to aid people

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Melissa Reynolds, a student at Prestonsburg Community College, waits for judging of the car show to take place.

PCC Law Enforcement Club raising scholarship funds

PRESTONSBURG — In an effort to raise \$1,000 for their annual scholarship fund, the Prestonsburg Community College Law Enforcement Club has been very active.

On April 7, the club held its first car and stereo competition on the Prestonsburg campus. An entry fee of \$10 was required to enter the competition. Food was available from the concessions while two Mountain Arts Center performers entertained the crowd.

Despite inclement weather, a yard sale was held on April 13 inside the

Johnson Administration Building on the Prestonsburg campus as another fund-raiser.

The Law Enforcement Club has not yet met its goal and fund raisers are continuing. Other fund-raisers held recently include a car wash at PCC on Wednesday and roadblocks in Paintsville on yesterday.

Providing a scholarship to support an education is very important to the club, and members don't intend to give up until their goal is met. In the upcoming

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MSU's Department of Music will perform in an Honor's Piano Recital

Eighteen students from Morehead State University's Department of Music, and the surrounding community, will perform in an Honor's Piano Recital, on Friday, May 3, in Duncan Recital Hall on campus.

The 8 p.m. performance, which is free and open to the public, will feature students of Dr. Paul Taylor, asso-

ciate professor of music; Steven Snyder, assistant professor of music; Larry Keenan, professor of music; and Morehead area piano instructors, Jean Howard and Betty Brengleman.

Graduate students performing will be: Cindi Salazar of Morehead, music director at Jesus Our Saviour Catholic Church; and Su Chen Ying,

Yu Ying Liang, Lo Hsiu Chuan and Shu Yo Chang, all from Taiwan.

Undergraduate students performing will be: Noel Church, Ashland senior; Adam Turner, Dillsboro, Indiana, junior; Bethany Miller, Hardinsburg junior; Nathan Kamer, Garrison junior; Emily Peck, Wellington sophomore; Jessica

Hetterick, Cold Spring sophomore; Sarah Allen, Prestonsburg, freshman; and Qi Wang, sophomore from China.

Five elementary and high school students from Rowan County also will be among the performers. They are: Christine White, M'Shae Alderman, Spencer Bolt, Allie Kerns

and Nathan Truitt.

Also appearing will be Lin Ching Yang, an internationally-known musician from Taiwan, who will present one selection on the traditional Chinese bamboo flute.

Additional information is available from Dr. Taylor at (606) 783-2405.

PCC holds first honors night

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg Community College held its first Honors Night on April 12 in the Pike Auditorium.

Academic excellence was highlighted on Honors Night, giving students recognition for their achievements. President Dr. George D. Edwards presented a certificate of achievement to students named to the Dean's List, Presidents List, and to those who have been recognized in Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. Nearly 200 students and guests were in attendance.

Judge Sara Combs, Kentucky Court of Appeals, was keynote speaker for the evening. Judge Combs challenged those present to use "the tool of education to make a difference in the world." She focused on the current generation and the importance of moving forward in spite of the rising terrorism.

In appreciation of her attendance, and participation in the first Annual Honors Night, Dr. Edwards presented her with a print by faculty member, Tom Whitaker, a renowned regional artist.

Following the ceremony, Phi Theta Kappa hosted a reception held in the Pike Foyer.



Court of Appeals Judge Sara Combs was keynote speaker at the event. In appreciation for her visit, PCC president Dr. George Edwards presented her with an original painting by PCC professor Tom Whitaker.

Honorees, their families and PCC employees had an opportunity to interact.

Dr. Edwards felt Honors Night was a success.

"It was a wonderful night," Edwards said. "I am happy it turned out so well and hope for many more celebrations of this

type in the future."

Among the many contributing to the first Honors Night were Dr. Nancy Johnson, executive dean of academic affairs; Dr. William Loftus and Professor Hassan Saffari, PTK advisors; and Amanda Lauffer, PTK president.

Campus

West Liberty Advisory Board will host a dinner at 6:30 p.m. for those involved in establishing MSU's center in 1987 and in the growth and development of its academic programs including adult education.

"We invite everyone to tour our beautiful new building and participate in the festivities," said Dr. Jonell Tobin, director of MSU at West Liberty. "We are very proud of this facility and we want the community to see what

it has to offer."

Completed earlier this spring, the two-story classroom, office and laboratory structure was built by CB&S Construction of Somerset and with design and engineering services provided by Pearson/Bender Associates PLC Architect and Biagi, Chance, Cummins, London, Titzer Inc. The center is located just off U.S. 460 at Index, near the CMS plant. The address is 155 Continental Drive, West Liberty,

Ky. 41472.

The building features nine offices and a reception area, a 260-seat auditorium, three distance learning technology classrooms, a computer laboratory and two computer classrooms, and a multi-purpose room equipped with a kitchen.

Additional information is available from MSU at West Liberty by calling (606) 783-5381 or (800) 648-5371.

Local students among education honorees

MOREHEAD — Students enrolled in Morehead State University's College of Education were recognized at the college's Honors Breakfast recently.

This event, part of the University's Academic Awards Week, allowed the college an opportunity to recognize its students. Each department within the college presented academic, scholastic and achievement awards to outstanding individuals.

Presentations from the Department of Elementary, Reading and Special Education

were presented to:

■ Belinda Hitch of Morehead, outstanding graduate student.

■ Jennifer Couch, Eaton, Ohio, senior, outstanding undergraduate student.

■ Tanya Sammons, Russell senior, outstanding undergraduate student in P-5 elementary education.

■ Gregory Crum, Inez senior, outstanding undergraduate student in 5-9 middle school education.

■ Michelle Lane, Walton senior, outstanding undergraduate student in special education.

■ Patricia Hensley, West Liberty graduate student, outstanding undergraduate student in interdisciplinary early childhood education.

■ Suzanne Maynard, Hardy graduate student, William Hampton Scholarship for outstanding graduate student in reading/writing specialist endorsement masters degree.

■ Pamela Wright, Russell graduate student, Jessee Mangrum Scholarship for outstanding graduate student in reading/writing specialist endorsement masters degree.

Presenting student papers were:

■ Bobbi Clark, Morehead graduate student.

■ Jo Ann Conway, Vanceburg senior.

■ Jill Porter, Flemingsburg senior.

■ Laura Vinson-Miller, Owingsville graduate student.

■ Brandy Gifford, Paducah senior.

■ Lorri McDowell, Germantown senior.

Receiving special awards were:

■ Ellie Fields, Brooksville junior, Kentucky Education Association Student Program Scholarship.

■ Shannon Dawn Hill, Bulan senior, Heather Prince, Grayson graduate student, and Jennifer Couch, Eaton, Ohio, senior, Ruth Boggs and E.L. Shannon Scholarship recipients.

The Department of Leadership and Secondary Education recognized:

■ Stephanie L. Shepherd, Stanville graduate student, outstanding graduate student in secondary education and student paper presenter.

■ Allison Grant, Carlisle senior, outstanding undergraduate student in secondary education.

■ Chia-lin Yang, Taiwan graduate student, outstanding graduate student in adult and higher education.

■ Douglas Calland, Maysville graduate student, outstanding graduate student in instructional leadership.

■ Melyssa Brown-Banks, Lucasville, Ohio, outstanding graduate student in counseling.

The Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Sciences recognized:

■ Amy E. Spear, Glasgow senior, outstanding undergraduate student in health, physical education and sport sciences.

■ Marcisha A. Brazley, Fort Campbell, outstanding graduate student in health, physical education and sport sciences.

■ John Butcher, Meally senior, outstanding physical education student in teaching.

■ Stephanie Smith, Union senior, outstanding physical education student in exercise science.

■ Andrea Buck, Grayson senior, outstanding health education student.

■ Michael Todd, Cincinnati, Ohio senior, Outstanding Recreation Student.

■ Tracy Pinson, Inez senior, outstanding health promotion student.



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PCC

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ing weeks the Law Enforcement Club will be giving everyone an opportunity to support education by contributing to the scholarship fund.

Club members feel that contributing to an education is a

reward in itself and say the Law Enforcement Club needs your help. For more information, call Prestonsburg Community College at 886-3863 or toll free at 888-641-4132, ext. 282.

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with disabilities by improving the lives of those with disabilities through service, volunteerism, education, and awareness. Push America is a private, non-profit organization that has served the needs of people with disabilities across the U.S. for more than 20 years. Since its founding, Push America has received more than \$3 million raised by the efforts of collegiate members of Pi Kappa Phi.

This year, Martin plans to travel 850 miles, by bicycle, through Florida cities from Miami to Tallahassee, in an effort to bring the message of Push America to a greater public awareness in a unique and inspiring way.

Martin will join 30 other students from universities across the country on a 15-day bicycling trip known as Gear-Up Florida. Martin, along with the rest of the Gear-Up 2002 team, will be providing dozens of presentations on college campuses and local communities that will help others understand the pressing issues facing today's disabled population. The team plans to cycle an average of 75 miles per day.

The Gear-Up Florida team will raise an estimated \$50,000 through this effort. The funds will be used to support future educational projects and programs of Push America. Much of this money will be raised by the team members, Martin, and the rest of the Gear-Up Florida team have committed to raising a minimum of \$1,500 in order to qualify for participation in the event.

If you would like to help fur-

ther the team's efforts by "Going the Extra Mile," you may do so by making a tax-deductible donation to Push America on behalf of Ethan Martin. You may contact Martin at (704) 504-2400, ext. 143.

Martin is the son of J.J. and Edith Martin, of Langley. He is a graduate of Allen Central High School and is currently attending MSU as a senior, majoring in speech communications.



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Renew

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information for charges (such as changes in your income level, family size, or your address) and add any necessary new information.

■ The Paper Renewal: If you used the paper FAFSA when you filed in 2001-02, a Renewal FAFSA should have been mailed to you in late November or December 2001.

■ Renewal on the Web: Renewal FAFSAs are also available on the FAFSA on the Web Internet site at: www.fafsa.ed.gov. If you filed a FAFSA during 2001-02, you should have received a PIN (personal identification number) in the mail.

By using your PIN, you can file your Renewal FAFSA over the Internet and sign your form. Once your actual signature is on file (as a result of filing the 2001-02 FAFSA), your PIN becomes your "electronic signature." So, be sure not to share it with others. Not only will your PIN allow you to sign your renewal electronically, but you can use it to access and review your student account information on the Internet.

Lost Your PIN? If you don't have your PIN number or have forgotten in what "safe place" you have tucked it away, you can request a duplicate PIN online at www.pin.ed.gov. You

will want to do this in advance of preparing to file your Renewal FAFSA, as it can take three to five days to receive a copy.

If you have any questions about the Renewal FAFSA, contact the financial aid office at the college or university you attend, or if you have not yet enrolled at the school, contact Elizabeth Bishop, counselor with the Commonwealth Opportunity Center, at the MSU at Prestonsburg Center (606) 886-2629, or (800) 648-5372 for assistance with the financial aid process. Elizabeth is in Floyd County each week.

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Louisville comedian crashes telemarketing conventionby NANCY ZUCKERBROD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Louisville comedian Tom Mabe went undercover at a telemarketing convention in the nation's capitol last week to turn the tables on an industry he loves to hate.

He was on the phone calling telemarketers in their hotel rooms before dawn Monday.

Asked if he felt bad about waking

Mabe, who moonlights as a stand-up comic, decided to get even by recording his conversations with telemarketers and playing pranks on them.

the telemarketers and owners of call centers who attended the American Teleservices Association conference, Mabe said no way. "What they do is so intrusive," he said. "I think it's trespassing."

Mabe was working out of his home office writing commercial jingles in

1993 when telemarketing calls started to exasperate him.

"When you're self-employed, you jump when the phone rings, hoping it's a client," he said.

Mabe, who moonlights as a stand-up comic, decided to get even by recording his conversations with tele-

marketers and playing pranks on them.

He told a telemarketer trying to sell him an alarm system that he was robbing the place but suggested the man call back later.

And Mabe told a caller trying to sell him a burial plot that the man had

perfect timing, because he was considering killing himself. The telemarketer proceeded to ask him for credit card information, Mabe said.

Mabe put together a CD of his recorded calls and said he sold more than 50,000 copies. A few years later, the now-defunct label, Virgin Nashville, released two other Mabe recordings.

"I decided if they're not going to

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**Medicare
AND YOU**

Donna R. Morton

Medicare Beneficiary
Outreach Coordinator
AdminaStar Federal

There are programs that save millions of people with Medicare up to \$600 each year. Yet, as I travel the state of Kentucky providing education on Medicare issues, I am surprised to learn of the people that are not aware they can get help with Medicare premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance amounts. Yes, there are certain income and resource guidelines that must be met, but a large percentage of today's Medicare eligible population fall into the guidelines. Many people use the money saved with the programs to help pay for living expenses or prescriptions drugs. I encourage you to review the information below. If you think you might qualify, make an appointment to apply. Others you know may qualify also, so please share this information!

Ask yourself three important questions:

■ Do you have Medicare Part A? If you're not sure, look on your red, white, and blue Medicare card. If you are eligible for Medicare Part A but do not have it because you cannot afford it, you should continue with question 2 because there is a program that may pay the Medicare Part A premium for you.

■ Are you an individual with a monthly income of less than \$886 or a couple with a monthly income of less than \$1,194?

■ Are you an individual with savings of \$4,000 or less or a couple with savings of \$6,000 or less?

Savings include things like money in a checking or savings account, stocks, or bonds. When you're figuring out your

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A new Sears store will be opening in Paintsville in the near future, at the former location of the Paintsville IGA and the offices of Dr. Frederick Cohn.

photo by Steve LeMaster

REBOUND?

Economy soars by 5.8 percent rate in first quarter, best showing since late 1999

by JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The economy, knocked down by last year's recession and terror attacks, rocketed back in the first quarter at an annual growth rate of 5.8 percent.

After limping through the last six quarters, gross domestic product posted its strongest showing since the final quarter of 1999, the Commerce Department reported Friday.

The latest GDP report reinforced the view that the country not only emerged from a recession that began in March 2001 but that the downturn will probably go down as the mildest in U.S. history.

That would be welcome news to President Bush who wants credit for steering the economy out of recession.

The economy's sizzling first-quarter performance is especially remarkable given that the GDP actually shrank at a 1.3 percent rate in the third quarter of 2001. The GDP registered a below-par rate of 1.7 percent in the fourth quarter.

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A big factor in the economy's stellar first-quarter expansion was a slowdown in inventory liquidation by businesses. That added a hefty 3.10 percentage

points to the GDP, its largest contribution since the fourth quarter of 1987.

During the slump, businesses sharply cut production and discounted merchandise in order to get rid of stockpiles of unsold goods. That was a key source of weakness for the economy and a huge drag on the GDP in the fourth quarter.

Nonetheless, economists said it was crucial for businesses to unload excess supplies in order to set the stage for ramped-up production by manufacturers down the road, which would add to economic growth.

Because the burst provided by the inventory situation in the first quarter is fleeting, many economists estimate the GDP, which measures the total output of goods and services produced within the United States, has slowed in the current quarter to a growth rate of around 3 percent to 3.5 percent. But that would still be considered a respectably brisk pace.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress earlier this month that the economy's outlook is looking brighter and that the central bank is in no rush to boost short-term

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**Workshop
to discuss
business owner
disability, death**

ASHLAND — Will your business be at risk in the event of a disability or death? Morehead State University's Ashland Small Business Development Center and the Ashland Alliance will offer a free workshop for business owners who must deal with this situation on Monday, April 29.

The session will run from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the MSU at Ashland campus, located at 1401 Winchester Ave. There is no fee to attend, but pre-registration is necessary due to limited seating.

A representative from Western & Southern Life Insurance Company will provide participants with ways to protect their business and family in the event of a sudden death or disability. Discussion topics will include the importance of disability income, buy-sell agreements and succession planning. Ideal for sole proprietors, business partners and corporate shareholders, this seminar also will detail the need for insurance to cover business overhead expenses.

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**Home-based
business
workshop to
be held**

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center has designed a new workshop to help owners of home-based businesses.

This workshop, "Home-Based Businesses & Taxes," will be held on Tuesday, June 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Kentucky Folk Art Center, 102 W. First St. in Morehead.

There will be no charge to attend but pre-registration is necessary because of limited seating. Anyone wishing to attend must register by June 20.

A representative from the Internal Revenue Service will instruct the workshop. Participants will learn about specific record-keeping, business expenses, tax forms and estimations, as well as the advantages and disadvantages

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Firststar Bank honors its top Kentucky Bankers

Firststar Bank recently recognized the following top performing employees in Kentucky, for winning its coveted "Pinnacle Award" Firststar's quarterly Pinnacle Awards program recognizes outstanding achievement and rewards employees for their tremendous performance.

As an expression of Firststar management's gratitude and appreciation, Firststar regional presidents and district managers have presented all of the winners with commemorative marble bookends. The winners will also be in the running for the bank's annual Pinnacle Award program, in which

the top one percent of branch managers will receive a trip for two, to anywhere in the world.

The fourth quarter Firststar Bank Pinnacle winners in Floyd, Pike, and Rowan counties are:

Martin

Ross Gibson, manager at Firststar's Martin location at Junction 122 and Rt. 80

Morehead

Joyce Messer, manager at Firststar's Morehead office at 122 E Main St.

Pikeville

Patricia Smallwood, manager at Firststar's Pikeville office at 131 Main St.

Arnetia Robinson, manager at Firststar's Pikeville office at 150 S. Mayo Trail

Jennifer Bevins, manager at Firststar's Pikeville office at Johnson Creek at 9782 Meta Hwy.

Perry Allen, Firststar Pikeville district manager

Prestonsburg

William Patton, manager at Firststar's Prestonsburg office at 301

North Lake Dr.

South William

Lizzie Case, manager at Firststar's South William office at 27989 US Hwy. 119

Virgie

Ida Osborne, manager at Firststar's Virgie office at 1151 Hwy. 610

Firststar Bank is a subsidiary of Minneapolis-based U.S. Bancorp. With assets in excess of \$171 billion, U.S. Bancorp is the 8th largest financial services holding company in the

United States. The Minneapolis-based company operates 2,147 banking offices and 4,929 ATMs, and provides a comprehensive line of banking, brokerage, insurance, investment, mortgage, trust and payment services products to consumers, businesses and institutions. U.S. Bancorp delivers quality customer service, articulated by its Five Star Service Guarantee, or it pays customers for their inconvenience. U.S. Bancorp is the parent company of Firststar Bank and U.S. Bank. Visit U.S. Bancorp on the web at usbank.com and Firststar Bank at firststar.com.

Sour economy, tax cuts lead to record refunds for American taxpayers

by CURT ANDERSON
AP TAX WRITER

WASHINGTON — Last year's big tax cut combined with the economic downturn to give Americans more tax refunds than ever. The refunds were larger than ever too.

The Internal Revenue Service announced Thursday that the 77 million refunds processed through April 19 set a record, as did the average of \$1,937. All told, almost \$150 billion in refunds have been paid out.

The tax cut signed into law last year by President Bush had a lot to do with it. Tax rates were reduced across the board, and middle-class taxpayers got a \$100 boost in the child tax credit.

"What you see in the new statistics from the IRS is, in part, the \$57 billion in tax relief for 2001 that resulted from that historic tax cut," said Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa, ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee.

That tax cut also provided millions of Americans with checks last year of up to \$300 for individuals, \$600 for married couples. This spring's refunds could have been even greater, or taxes owed lesser, if those checks hadn't gone out.

Other taxpayers benefited from an economic stimulus bill Congress passed this year. Small businesses, partnerships and others paying individual rather than corporate income taxes could deduct current-year losses from taxes paid up to five years ago, which resulted in large refunds.

Tax advisers instruct clients to plan ahead so they do not get big refunds, arguing that refunds amount to interest-free loans to the government of money the taxpayer could use during the year. They recommend adjusting the amount of taxes withheld or structuring tax payments so that taxpayers and the IRS come out roughly even.

The economic downturn and bearish stock market disrupted such plans for many in 2001. Many investors had capital losses that offset taxable gains, while others paid too much in estimated taxes. Some spent thousands of dollars for accountants to smooth out their tax pictures, only to have it unexpectedly altered by economic circumstances.

"We had some clients who got their feathers ruffled a little bit," said Tom Ochsenchlager of the Grant Thornton accounting firm.

Layoffs can be a factor in bigger tax refunds. A worker earning enough to pay taxes at last year's 27.5 percent rate would have far too much withheld if a layoff means that person earned only enough while working to pay tax at a maximum of 15 percent.

The economy's struggles are

expected to reduce the amount of income taxes paid by those who owed money on April 15. Because those taxpayers usually wait until the last minute, the Treasury Department will not have an accurate picture of those payments until early May, a spokeswoman said.

Experts say there still is time for taxpayers who do not think they took full advantage of the law to get a bigger refund. Amended tax returns can be filed for up to three years from the original due date to correct errors or add something.

"If the change is in the taxpayer's favor, the amended return also acts as a request for a refund," said John Roth, federal tax analyst for CCH Inc., a publisher for tax professionals.

More tax cuts took effect in this tax year, including lower

income tax rates, a new deduction for higher education and higher limits for contributions to both 401(k) plans and individual retirement accounts. The \$1.35 trillion tax cut passed last year phases in slowly through 2010, meaning more reductions are in store for the rest of this decade.

The IRS reported these records from this year's tax-filing

season:

■ More than 77 million refunds worth \$150 billion.

■ About 45.8 million returns filed electronically through April 19, compared with 40.2 million during all of last year. The 9.1 million returns filed by taxpayers on home computers was 37.6 percent more than 2001.

■ About 626,000 payments

were made electronically, an increase of 8 percent over 2000. Credit card payments were down, however, by about 15,000.

■ The IRS Internet site recorded 1.97 billion hits during the tax season, an increase of 28 percent over last year. A new daily record was set on April 15, when 78 million hits were recorded.

'Short horizons' a reason for business failure

MOREHEAD — New findings by a Morehead State University researcher suggest that many U.S. companies struggle and fail because they neglect to plan for a long-term future.

Richard "Rik" Berry, MSU assistant professor of management, along with fellow researchers Tony Polito of East Carolina University and Kevin Watson of Maris College, are studying why U.S. companies focus mainly on "short horizons" and the effects that action has on their competitiveness in the global market.

The trio found that American businesses lag behind their Japanese counterparts because they often turn to "quick fixes," like mergers or selling off assets, in order to meet the immediate quarter-by-quarter demands of the U.S. financial market. They

say this tendency is even more evident during economic slowdowns when the prevailing attitude is more about saving and surviving than long-term planning.

Their study points out that companies need to strive for long-term success by increasing production and efficiency, improving manufacturing quality and equipment and measuring their performance with short-term and long-term criteria. Companies who take these steps tend to survive difficult economies without resorting to "quick fixes."

The group presented their findings recently at the International Applied Business Research Conference in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Additional information is available from Berry at (606) 783-2745.

Regulations to allow mining practice opposed by environmentalists

by NANCY ZUCKERBROD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is proposing to make it easier for the mining industry to dump its waste in the nation's waterways, according to draft regulations circulated by environmental groups.

The proposed rules, drafted by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers, would affect a practice known as mountaintop removal mining, which has become more common in Appalachia in recent years.

In order to expose a coal seam, the top of a ridge or mountain is sheared off and the waste dirt and rock are pushed into nearby stream beds, a practice called valley fill. It is a high efficiency mining technique that allows a company to recover the maximum amount of coal at the lowest cost.

Opponents claim it violates Army Corps regulations, which

say stream beds may not be used to dispose of industrial waste. Supporters contend that it is no different than allowing the burial of stream beds to create dry land for new construction, which is allowed.

In recent years the Army Corps has increasingly issued permits allowing mountaintop removal, and environmentalists are suing the agency over that practice in federal court in West Virginia.

The draft regulations being circulated would eliminate the provision in the Army Corps regulations that bans waste from being put in waterways.

National Mining Association spokeswoman Carol Raulston

said Thursday that the change would simply make the Army Corps definition of "fill material" conform with EPA's definition, a point noted in the draft regulations.

The EPA and Army Corps share responsibility for ensuring compliance with the Clean Water Act in granting permits for various types of dumping.

Environmentalists criticized the proposed change.

"The whole purpose of this rule change is to let them keep dumping," said Daniel Rosenberg, an attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council. "They want the right to treat public waters as their own garbage dumps."

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allow me to make a living, I'll make a living off them," he said.

Mabe hopes some of his calls to the telemarketers attending the Washington conference are funny enough to launch a fourth CD.

He called the conference attendees in the middle of the night offering to sell them a sleep aid and pretending he was calling on behalf of the "Telemarketers with Insomnia Foundation." None of the people who picked up the phone were amused, with most hanging up and calling him a jerk.

Matt Mattingley, director of government affairs for the American Teleservices Association, says he wasn't too disturbed by Mabe's actions.

"There are a number of anti-telemarketing groups. This is America. They're certainly free to

do and express what they feel their views are ... but do they make an impact on the business? No."

Mattingley said last year the telemarketing industry contributed \$661 billion to the U.S. economy in sales, taxes and jobs.

Mattingley said much of his attention these days is devoted to opposing so-called do-not-call laws.

Under federal law, companies conducting business by telephone are not supposed to call a consumer who has requested to receive no more calls from that seller. But the federal government is considering a proposal that would let consumers call one toll-free number to stop most telemarketing calls.

Several states, including Kentucky, have already taken such steps. Gov. Paul Patton signed Kentucky's telemarketing law last month. The measure will allow people to join a "zero-call" list maintained by the attorney general's office.

People on the list are supposed to be left alone by telemarketers, with a few exceptions. Solicitors could call past or present customers on the list, or people who give permission to contact them. Calls to collect debts would be allowed, as would calls from one business to another.

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of using your home for a business.

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Rebound

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interest rates, now at 40-year lows.

The Fed's 11 rate cuts last year and President Bush's \$1.35 trillion tax-cut package helped the economy come out of the slump, economists say.

Greenspan estimated the recovery would unfold like a two-stage rocket, with the first stage supplying the initial liftoff in the first quarter of this year with a big swing in inventory restocking by companies. For the rebound to be sustained, he said, it would have to be followed by a second stage of business and consumer spending.

Most economists don't foresee a "double-dip recession," in which the economy slips into reverse. But they question how much of an appetite consumers will have to spend coming out of it. And, they wonder when business investment will turn around, a necessity for a solid economic rebound.

In the first quarter, consumers, who account for two-thirds of all economic activity in the United States, increased spending at a rate of healthy rate of 3.5 percent, another factor lifting the GDP. But that was a big slowdown from the red-hot 6.1 percent growth in spending in the previous quarter.

Also boosting economic growth in the first quarter was a 15.7 percent rate of increase in spending on residential projects, the biggest gain since the second quarter of 1996. Low interest rates and mild weather in the first quarter powered home sales.

Businesses in the first quarter continued to cut investment in new plants and equipment, a leading source of weakness for the economy. Still, the 5.7 percent rate of decline in such capital spending was not nearly as

deep as the 13.8 percent cut in the fourth quarter. Capital spending has fallen for the last five quarters.

The trade deficit was another weak spot. The deficit shaved 1.22 percentage points off first-quarter GDP as the improving U.S. economy lifted Americans' demand for foreign-made goods. That compared with a reduction of 0.14 percentage point in the fourth quarter.

An inflation gauge tied to the GDP rose at a rate of 0.6 percent in the first quarter, down from an 0.8 percent increase in the previous quarter.

Greenspan earlier this month said the Fed has the luxury of delaying an interest-rate decision to see how events unfold because, except for a jump in energy prices, inflation remains under control. There will be ample opportunity later to adjust interest-rate policy to fight inflation if necessary, he said.

Medicare

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savings, do not include your home, a care, burial plots, up to \$1,500 for burial expenses, furniture, or \$1,500 worth of life insurance.

The programs for people that answered yes are the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) and the Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB).

QMB can pay your Medicare Part A premium (if you have one) and Part B premium. QMB also pays your Medicare deductibles and coinsurance amounts.

SLMB can pay your Medicare Part B premium.

Two other programs that can help with your Medicare Part B premiums are the Qualifying Individual (QI-1) and the

Qualifying Individual (QI-2) program.

It's very important to call if you think you qualify for any of these savings programs, even if you are not sure. Call your nearest Community Based Services office. I found my local number under 'K' for Kentucky State Cabinet for Families and Children. When you call, ask for information on Medicare Savings Programs.

Have questions about Medicare? Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), TTY/TDD 1-877-486-2048 (toll free for the hearing impaired), or visit www.medicare.gov on the internet.



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Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Tea Time

Teaches Manners

"Good Manners Urgently Needed," a recent e-mail on donnasday.com exclaimed. Many other parents seem to have the same concerns these days. From Stockton, Calif., a mom writes: "Do you have any ideas or activities to make teaching manners fun for preschoolers? Manners seem to be a lost art. Any input would be appreciated."

Well, let's see — kids love a party, so how about a proper English Tea complete with British Ribbon Sandwiches? But

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first, a little history to teach the kids: The tradition of tea started in England in the early 19th century when the time between lunch and dinner lengthened. At about 4 o'clock in the afternoon people gathered to relax and talk around a bit of light nourishment. They'd sip tea and snack on delicate sandwiches and pastries.

So, rev up those imaginations, and let's do it! You'll need:

- 3 slices firm, thinly sliced white bread

- 2 slices firm, thinly sliced whole-wheat bread

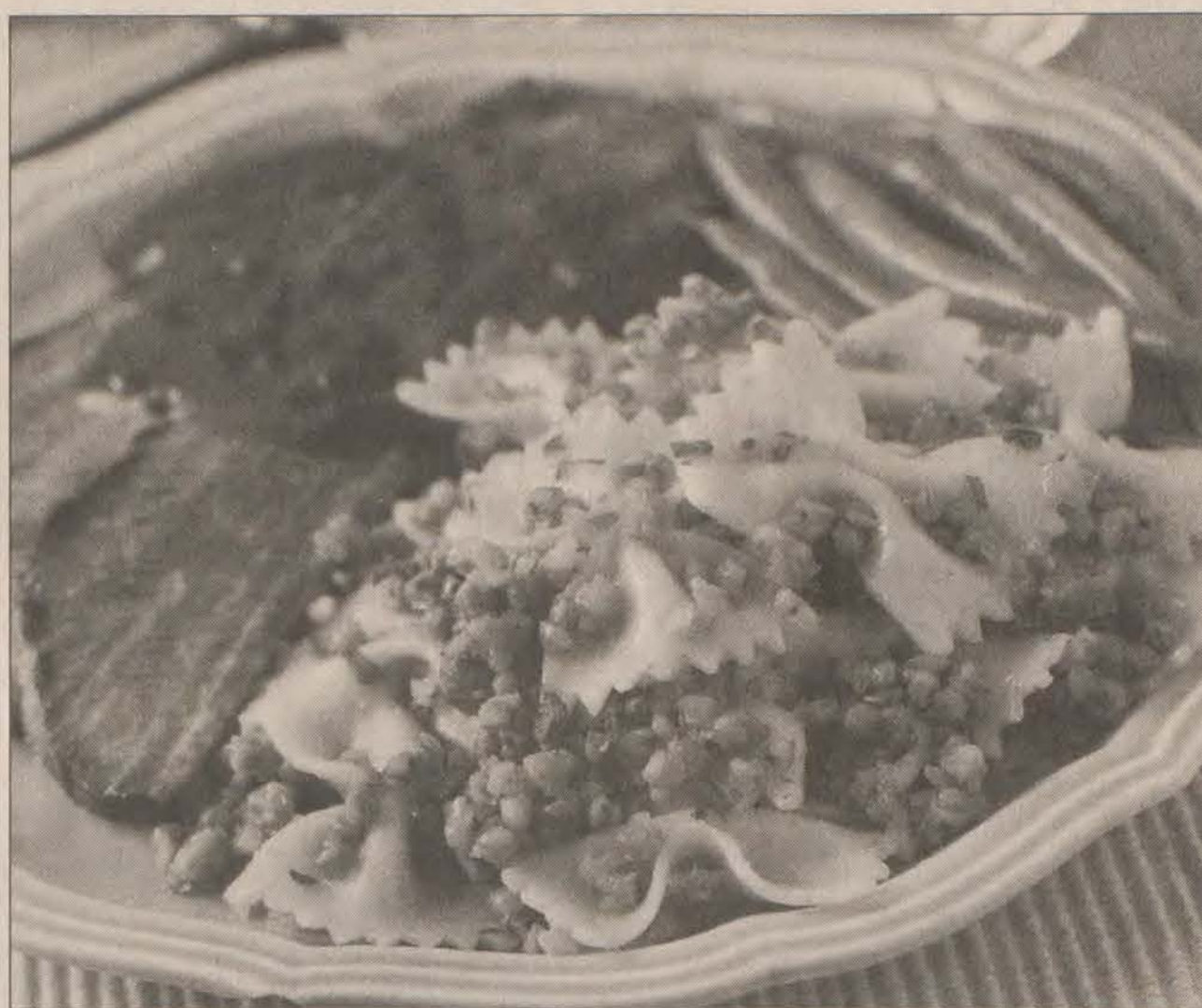
- 3-4 tablespoons strawberry-flavored (or your child's favorite) cream cheese

1. Spread cream cheese on each slice of bread, except one white slice for the top of the sandwich, making sure to get to all the corners. Stack them up neatly, alternating white and wheat slices. Press slightly with the palm of your hand as you go along to make sure the layers stick together. An adult may cut the crusts from the stacked bread with a serrated bread knife.

2. Slice the tall, layered sandwich into 1-inch wide slices. Turn the slices on their sides so that the cream cheese and bread "ribbons" are facing up. Arrange on a pretty platter lined with a paper doily, if you have one. For a very gracious presentation, arrange the slices in a fan shape.

Enjoy your ribbon sandwiches with a cup of tea, or if your children prefer, fill a teacup with milk instead. Lift your pinky high as you hold your cup of tea, then let your children follow your lead as you toast to good manners and a memorable lesson in culture.

Extra tip: To create a mood while they munch, read your little ones a tale of princes and princesses. Or suggest they slip on some of their dress-up jewelry. After all, this is a meal fit for royalty ... and a kid!



Kasha is a tasty alternative to wheat

Unless your background is Russian, or Central or Eastern European, you probably are not familiar with kasha. You may see it on menus but hesitate to order it because you don't know what it is.

But, you're eating it anytime you have buckwheat pancakes or buckwheat honey, since kasha is roasted buckwheat groats. "Wheat" in its name is misleading, as it is not wheat or a grain. Although it looks and cooks like a grain, it is, in fact, the seed of a fruit. The hulled seeds are roasted and have a coating rich in soluble fiber, the kind that helps lower cholesterol. It has a distinctive, nutty flavor and is a boon for the gluten-intolerant looking for a substitute for wheat foods.

Kasha comes in whole (my favorite), coarse, medium and fine grinds. It's usually in the rice, pasta or kosher sections of markets.

Here are a couple of dishes you'll enjoy preparing and eating. Kasha Varnishkes pairs kasha and bow-tie pasta in a traditional Central European dish. In the Kasha and Zucchini Casserole, the two main ingredients are layered to produce a cheese-enriched meal.

KASHA VARNISHKES

(Kasha with Bow-Tie Pasta)

3 tablespoons butter or olive oil, divided

2 cups finely chopped onion

1/2 cup diced red bell pepper

1 cup whole kasha

2 cups chicken broth
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 cups uncooked bow-tie pasta

1. In a large skillet, over medium-high heat, melt 2 tablespoons of the butter. Add onion; cook until lightly browned, about 3 minutes. Add red bell pepper; cook and stir until tender, about 3 minutes longer. Add kasha; cook and stir until fragrant, about 2 minutes. Stir in broth, salt and pepper; bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to low; cover and cook until broth is absorbed, about 12 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, cook bow-tie pasta according to package directions; drain; transfer to serving bowl. Add kasha mixture and the remaining 1 tablespoon butter; toss well. Garnish with chopped parsley or toasted walnuts, if desired. (Any leftovers can be refrigerated or frozen, and reheated in a microwave oven.)
Makes 6 to 8 portions.

KASHA AND ZUCCHINI CASSEROLE

1 cup whole, coarse- or medium-grind kasha
2 cups prepared chicken broth
2 tablespoons butter
2 medium-sized zucchini, cut in half moons (about 4 cups)

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Crock pot luck

This is a favorite of my grandsons, Zach and Josh. They love all the vegetables and meat chopped into tiny pieces. I love that it simmers away while I play with the boys. I guess that makes us all happy!

GRANDMA JO'S STEW

16 ounces lean round steak, cut into 36 pieces
2 cups sliced carrots

1 cup chopped onion
1 1/2 cups chopped celery
2 cups diced raw potatoes
1 cup frozen peas
1 (10 3/4-ounce) can reduced-fat tomato soup
1 (8-ounce) can cream-style corn
2 teaspoons dried parsley flakes
1/8 teaspoon black pepper

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by Joanna M. Lund

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Russian peonies

Sandra Andrews

(FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE TRAVELER'S SOUL")

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A few years ago, my husband and I went on a trip billed as "The Waterways of Russia." We started in St. Petersburg and cruised across lakes and along canals until we reached Moscow a week later. Partway through the trip, the ship made a scheduled stop for a mandatory health and safety inspection. All of our other ships had been at scenic docks in populated areas, but this particular spot seemed to be a solitary dock in the middle of nowhere. One of the staff on board told us that there actually was a village at the top of the hill behind the dock.

We had been told previously that we wouldn't be allowed off, since it was to be a very brief stop. However, as had been our custom, most of the passengers lined up along the railings of our three-story ship to watch it being tied securely with ropes. We were surprised to see several people from the village waiting along the embankment. They had brought homemade crafts and items from their homes to be offered for sale to the travelers. They were well aware that a ship would be stopping there every 10 days, and they didn't want to miss the opportunity to make some much-needed money.

There were Russian flags, handmade

shawls, kitchen utensils and various war medals. What caught my eye was an elderly woman dressed in a black dress and kerchief.

She was proudly holding out a large bouquet of fresh-cut pink peonies. I could sense the time and effort she had devoted to cultivating and nurturing these flowers in the hope that she would be rewarded for her efforts. I instinctively leaned over the rail, caught her attention and in the faltering Russian that I had learned on the ship, I asked her, "How much?" and held up one finger.

One of the crew members called up to me, "She says 25 cents American." Again I asked her "How much?" and

made a circular motion to indicate the whole bouquet. The crew member translated, "Two dollars."

Immediately, I ran down the two flights of stairs to the main deck and hurried to the old woman. I reached over the rail with my two one-dollar bills, and she handed me her prized peonies.

When I got back to the upper deck, I could see the woman making her way along the dirt road. Halfway up the slope she turned toward the ship, clasped her hands as if she was praying, bowed and then raised her outstretched arms toward the heavens. I watched as she continued climbing. When she reached the crest, she repeated the same motions before disappearing over the other side.

Once we were sailing again, I went around the ship and presented each of

my fellow travelers whom I had come to know with a beautiful flower. Within a short while, I had just one left — for myself.

That night, my husband and I were out strolling under a moonlit sky in the fresh sea air. As we looked around, we noticed that every room on the ship had a window that looked out onto the deck and, on the ledges of many, propped up in makeshift vases, were my pink peonies.

Pink peonies and newfound friends, blessed by an old Russian woman on a hill.

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Dear Diane...

Stick with your guns

DEAR DIANE:

I am a 16-year-old girl. I have been dating "Kenny" for 10 months now. At first the relationship seemed good between us, even though we live a long distance from each other.

Recently, things just haven't been working out between us. We are arguing constantly, saying hurtful things to one another. Now, he's accusing me of doing things behind his back.

I love him a lot, but I can't take this any more. I am still in school, and I work two jobs. I don't have the time to deal with this aggravation.

I want to call it off, but I don't want to do it now and then take him right back. What should I do?

—BABY GIRL IN DOVER

DEAR DOVER:

Break up with Kenny.

His constant arguing with you and accusations are his immature way of bullying you to break up with him because he isn't man enough to do it himself.

You sound like a wonderful young woman with a good head on her shoulders. You can do much better than Kenny.

Why don't you look around your school or neighborhood for someone more local, rather than the long-distance headache you've been enduring with Kenny?

Don't worry about having some lingering feelings after you break up with Kenny. It's natural to wonder whether you made the right choice, or even to feel guilty; but you must trust me that you will be making the right choice in breaking up with him.

Stick to your guns, and be strong. Another boy will come along, and hopefully things will be better in your next relationship.

Getting the wax out

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

How can a person prevent a buildup of ear-wax without running to the doctor every month? — N.N.

ANSWER:

The body comes equipped with a natural mechanism for ridding the ear canal of wax. Jaw movements — eating, talking, whatever — create a conveyor-belt effect in the ear canal, moving wax out of the canal in a discreet and unnoticed manner.

Some people are world-class wax producers. They have to assist their natural wax-removing process with additional intervention. Kits containing a wax-softening agent and a bulb syringe can be found in most drugstores. Follow directions carefully. They will tell you how long to leave the drops in the ear canal and how to flush out the softened wax with the syringe and warm water.

You can make your own wax softeners with warm (not hot) mineral or vegetable oil. Put two drops in each ear canal and let them stay there for 10-15 minutes. Then, with a bulb syringe, gently flush the canal with warm water.

Don't try to dig the wax out with a cotton-tipped applicator. Such effort drives wax deeper into the canal and leaves the ear in worse condition than it was before the applicator assault.

If an eardrum has a perforation (a hole) or if you have had previous ear surgery, don't fiddle around with wax removal on your own. Have your doctor handle it. Furthermore, if the drops or irrigation causes any pain, stop immediately. Something is wrong with the canal or



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

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Books: 'The Golden One'

The Golden One
By Elizabeth Peters
(William Morrow & Co., \$25.95)
Reviewed by Ealish Waddell

"Another year, another dead body." Sounds like Amelia Peabody is back in Egypt! The 14th installment of Elizabeth Peters' popular mystery series once again finds our archaeologist heroine in her element: trouble. By her side are her dashing

but hot-tempered husband, Emerson, a renowned Egyptologist; son Ramses, whose talent for finding danger is exceeded only by that of his parents; and daughter-in-law Nefret, who's just trying to keep them all alive.

From the streets of Cairo to the windswept temples of Luxor, rumors have been circulating of a new and amazing find, a royal tomb filled with treasure. The Emersons and their friends long to track it down, but dead bodies, tomb robbers and unscrupulous

tourists keep getting in their way. Meanwhile, the Great War looming on the horizon threatens to end their excavating days once and for all.

Peters, whose real name is Barbara Mertz, holds a Ph.D. in Egyptology and has written non-fiction books on the subject as well as a long list of thrillers under Peters and other pen names. Her depictions of the appearances and atmosphere of turn-of-the-(20th) century Egypt and England are historically genuine, but also lyrical, transporting

and great fun.

Readers who have not yet been introduced to Amelia are encouraged to start at the very beginning of the series with "The Crocodile on the Sandbank." But a word of warning: The combination of mystery, romance, master criminals and adventure among the ruins of ancient Egypt may result in not just one book that is impossible to put down, but a whole series.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

Sam & Dave

explain it all to you

by Samantha Weaver and Dave Smith

DEAR SAM & DAVE:

I'm 22 and still live with my parents. My brother's wife is always saying things to my family that are not true, and my family despises her. They have two boys whom I love with all my heart. How can I prove to her that I'm no monster? I know I should try to get along, but why? How? — Tom in Lawrenceburg

SAM SAYS:

I'm not even sure where to begin. First of all, you don't mention what sort of untrue things

Suck it up and be polite

your sister-in-law is saying to your family. Are they huge whoppers or little white lies? Either way, as long as she's done nothing other than lie sometimes, I don't see that she deserves to be despised. Not that lying is something to be taken lightly, but "despise" is so over-the-top that it should be reserved for those who actively seek to physically or emotionally abuse others. She just doesn't seem to fit there.

Next, you say you love your nephews with all your heart, and yet you want to split up their parents. If you succeed in getting them to divorce, the boys will not thank you for it. When there are children involved, parents should do everything possible to stay together, and their families should support them in this, not try to break up the marriage.

Which brings me to my next point: You never mention that your brother and his wife are hav-

ing problems. YOU are having problems, but that's irrelevant to their marriage. Try proving that you're no monster by being nice to her. You may not like her, but she's family.

Finally, you're right — you SHOULD try to get along. Why? Because your brother loves her, and she is the mother of your nephews. How? Suck it up and be polite.

DAVE SAYS:

I don't think you need to worry about your sister-in-law's lies. You say your family already despises her, so her lies really have no effect on how your family feels about you, do they? And if you are behaving the way you should be, your sister-in-law's pettiness will become even more apparent to your brother.

Speaking of pettiness, you are not totally innocent here. You may not like your brother's wife,

but to wish that he divorce her and split up his family just so you can have more time with him is pretty selfish and petty. Sure, he may have changed since becoming a husband and father, but all men do. You can't expect him to be the cool dude you grew up with.

What I think you should do is just chill and not let your sister-in-law get to you. You aren't the only person who doesn't like his in-laws. The best thing is to just try and get along. Another thing that might help you is to move out of your parents' house. Get some distance from all the cat fighting.

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Cruising has long been a favored mode of travel for Americans. And, generally speaking, cruises bring to mind islands, samba, sun and Vegas-style floating entertainment. There are a few cruise lines that offer more intelligent and enriching cruises, but even then, you can feel swallowed up by the enormous number of other guests.

Enter American Cruise Lines. This small line out of Haddam, Conn., offers its passengers the experience of personalized service, attention to detail and interesting destinations, which — best of all —

Smaller cruise ships offer personal touch

explore the rivers and inlets of our very own ports of call. These are no overwhelmingly massive ocean liners. American uses smaller ships that accommodate no more than 49 passengers each. This allows American's ships to negotiate the rivers and byways that offer more charming views and to access ports that are unavailable to larger ships. It also allows you, the passenger, to put in at destinations that aren't completely overrun by other tourists.

All told, there are eight different cruises to choose from: the New England Islands cruise, which takes you from Martha's Vineyard to Mystic, Conn.; the Historic Antebellum South cruise, picking you up from Amelia Island, Fla., and shuttling you up the Georgia and

South Carolina coastlines to Charleston; the Hudson River cruise; and plenty more.

All cruises include gourmet-dining experiences, with an emphasis on enhancing your immersion in the culture of your destination — think succulent Maine lobster on the Maine Coast and Harbors cruise. Most days your included breakfast is made to order, and beverages and snacks are available around the clock. Plus, you'll be treated to drinks at the ship's complimentary cocktail parties, and your cruise price also includes lectures and presentations given onboard, but not excursions (of which there are many).

The cabins are well-appointed, with real, un-cruise-ship-like bathrooms and big picture windows. Several cabins are avail-

able with private balcony, for those who want to travel in real style. And the pampering doesn't stop there, as the ship itself is well-stocked with relevant books and videos, which you can take to the glass-enclosed observation areas or sundecks for a little viewing. Perhaps you could even work on your golf swing.

Cruise prices range from \$2,160 for a seven-day, six-night cruise in a main-deck cabin, to \$6,860 for a 15-day, 14-night cruise in a top-of-the-line, private-balcony suite on the Carolina deck, with exquisite views and plenty of room. For more information, contact American Cruise Lines at 1-800-814-6880 or log on to www.americancruiselines.com. Happy sailing!

Friday the 13th is a very lucky day in Scandinavia

More than 1 billion Barbie dolls have been produced since 1959 -- if you placed all of them head to toe, they would circle the Earth more than seven times.

In a single year, the diplomats attached to the United Nations received a total of 250,000 parking tickets. One diplomat received 526 by himself.

The word "feisty" comes from the Middle English word "fisten," which meant "to break wind."

Polygamy wasn't made illegal in the United States until

Strange BUT TRUE

1882, when Congress finally outlawed it.

In Scandinavian countries, Friday the 13th is considered to be very lucky.

St. David is the patron saint of poets.

The lyricist who wrote the words to "The Ballad of Casey Jones" got only a bottle of gin

for his efforts.

It was Zsa Zsa Gabor who said, "I am a marvelous housekeeper. Every time I leave a man I keep his house."

The longest distance ever flown in a nonpowered aircraft is more than 1,000 miles. Glider pilots use wind currents deflected upward by mountains to soar all day long. It's called "ridge running."

Although no one can be sure, it is widely believed among biologists that there might be more species of insects than the total number of all other species

of everything, combined.

Quick, name the first number on your telephone's dialing pad that is associated with letters of the alphabet. ... No, it's 2. Now name the only letter that's missing from the pad entirely. It's Q. Translating a promotional phone number from letters to numbers can be difficult without the buttons identified that way.

Thought for the Day:

"Good breeding consists of concealing how much we think of ourselves and how little we think of the other person." — Mark Twain

Tips to manage exercise and travel



Travel can be a common derailment to many fitness routines. You're out of your element and might not know the first place to go to exercise. Always remember that exercise can be done anytime, anywhere. It's a matter of using your creativity and building your "toolbox" of exercises to keep you motivated.

The first thing you should pack is your running shoes or some kind of shoe that you can exercise in. If worst comes to worst, you can always walk the stairs in the hotel.

Also remember to pack a jump rope. This will come in handy when you don't have much time. You can work up a good sweat by jumping rope outside in the fresh air and be ready to tackle the day more efficiently.

If you need a bit more instruction, pack an exercise video. These are inexpensive and take up little room in your suitcase. Almost all hotel rooms have VCRs, so pick your tape according to your fitness needs.

Most of the major hotel chains have fitness facilities or health clubs. Call your hotel beforehand and find out what they have to offer.

Being out of your element may also cause you to eat differently while on the road. Pack healthy snacks such as nutrition bars, dried fruit or trail mix to snack on so you

don't reach for that pastry. Ask yourself what food is going to give you the most energy and fuel, and make your food decisions based on that.

If you find yourself physically tired just from the traveling, visit the hotel spa. A massage can help to relieve stress and refresh the mind and body. You'll feel like exercising if your stress level is lower.

When you travel, keep in mind all the positive effects exercise and nutrition can have on your body. Not only physically, but mentally. If you are traveling for an important interview, promotion or presentation, prepare to exercise and plan to succeed!

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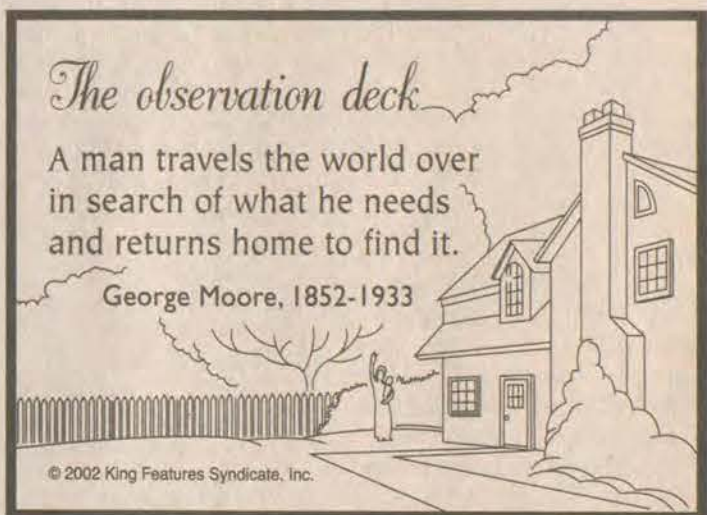
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Spray a slow cooker container with butter-flavored cooking spray. In prepared container, combine meat, carrots, onion, celery, potatoes and peas. In a small bowl, combine tomato soup, corn, parsley flakes and black pepper. Stir soup mixture into meat mixture. Cover and cook on LOW for 8 hours. Mix well just before serving. Makes 6 (1

1/2 cup) servings.

Each serving equals: 237 Calories, 5 g Fat, 20 g Protein, 28 g Carb., 336 mg Sodium, 4 g Fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Meat, 1 1/2 Starch, 1 Vegetable.

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2 medium-sized onions, thinly sliced (about 2 cups)
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1-1/2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese, divided
1-1/4 cups sour cream

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease a 2-quart casserole with butter or oil. Prepare kasha according to package directions, using chicken broth.

2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Add zucchini,

onions, salt and pepper; cook and stir until tender and lightly browned, about 9 minutes. In a bowl, combine 1/2 cup of the cheese, the sour cream and 1/3 cup water; stir in cooked kasha. Spread half of kasha mixture in prepared casserole; top with half of the zucchini-onion mixture and 1/2 cup of the cheese; repeat with remaining kasha, vegetables and cheese. Cover and bake until hot, about 25 minutes. Makes 4 to 6 portions.

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Satellite Radio: Will it fly?



Everyone seems to have been surprised by a recent Reuters news story indicating that satellite radio is catching on faster than expected.

Washington, D.C.-based provider XM Satellite Radio Inc. reports it has signed up 76,000 subscribers since it launched its service last November. This exceeded Wall Street expectations by about 15 percent, and XM expects to have 350,000 subscribers by the end of the year.

Subscribers pay a monthly

fee of around \$10 to hear more than 100 channels of any category of music you can think of — all CD-quality and with far fewer commercials. Are people ready to pay for this? Perhaps.

But there's still a long way to go. Analysts believe XM and its New York-based rival, Sirius Satellite Radio Inc., will each need between 5 million and 6 million subscribers to break even. It's easy to see why many, such as David Futrelle at Business 2.0 (www.business2.com), have said

that the idea may be cool, but the business model is unproven.

Back in February, Futrelle was pounced upon and severely taunted, possibly by XM stockholders, when he quite rightly pointed out that the price-to-sales ratio for XM's stock was, at the time, somewhere around 1,700 — an astronomical stock over-valuation like we haven't seen since the Internet bubble of 2000.

So far, sales and financial support from the big automakers has been the main source of subscribers — you don't see a lot of folks ripping out their perfectly good car stereos to make room for a satellite radio, which cost between \$300 and \$1,000. The units are capable of

transmitting standard radio as well as the satellite, and a few of the units can be removed from the dash and used indoors, which may be the best selling point yet — that it's not just for rush hour.

XM and Sirius hope satellite radio will do for radio what cable did for television, or what FM radio did for radio in the '70s. Then, listeners were wooed away from AM by the superior sound and lack of commercial clutter.

Sirius has said that its service will be commercial-free. XM hasn't made any promises, but its service is, for now, relatively commercial-less.

Will that all change if and when the listeners come?

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ear drum. Seeing the doctor is a must.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

Is beer a diuretic? — E.H.

ANSWER:

Yes, it is a diuretic. Beer and other alcoholic drinks shut down production of anti-diuretic hormone. It's a hormone that stops excessive production of urine. Without it, prodigious urine volumes are produced. The volume of beer drunk is another factor driving the drinker to frequent bathroom visits.

Alcohol is a tonic and a poison, depending on how it's used. Readers can learn the dangers and the benefits of alcohol by reading the alcohol

report. They can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 42W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Please enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50, along with the recipient's clearly printed name and address. Allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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The Floyd County Times

Taste the great flavors of Cinco de Mayo!



Clockwise from upper left:
Champurrado, Tlayudas from
Puebla and Tortilla Soup

Cinco de Mayo is one of the many dates when Mexicans feel proud of their heritage. It was on a Cinco de Mayo (May 5th, 1862), that the powerful French army was defeated by a small, ill-equipped army of Mexicans in Puebla, Mexico. Today, Hispanics in the U.S. celebrate Cinco de Mayo with dancing, music and joy. But the main celebration is the food: steamy, appetizing, mouthwatering Mexican dishes nobody can resist. We have planned a whole menu for your enjoyment this Cinco de Mayo. Try these kitchen-tested recipes and get ready for the celebration!

Tortilla Soup

The most typical and traditional of all Mexican soups. Garnish to each individual taste. Best when made with homemade tortillas.

- 10 corn tortillas prepared with Maseca Corn Masa Mix according to package instructions
- 3 garlic cloves
- 1/2 onion coarsely cut
- 3 red tomatoes
- 6 cups chicken broth, divided
- 2 sprigs epazote, optional (herb found in Latino markets)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Oil for frying
- 3 dried pasilla chiles, seeded and cut into slices
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 6 ounces panela cheese, cut in cubes
- 2 avocados, peeled and sliced

Roast garlic, onion and tomatoes, then grind or lightly process (with food processor). Add a small amount (2 tablespoons) chicken broth to the mixture. Fry mixture, stir constantly until thick or color changes. Add remaining chicken broth and epazote. Bring to boil; add salt and pepper to taste. Simmer on medium heat 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, cut tortillas into medium strips and fry in oil until golden brown. Fry chile slices in oil; drain. Ladle soup into bowls; add fried tortilla strips. Garnish with dollop of sour cream, chile slices, cubed cheese and avocado slices.

Makes 6 servings.

Tlayudas From Puebla

A very Mexican dish, that unites the most Mexican flavors: the tortilla, the beans and the mole. This is authentic from Puebla, the birth of this celebration!

- 2 cups Maseca Corn Masa Mix
- 1 1/8 cups water
- Salt to taste
- Oil for frying
- 2 cups mole poblano (one 16 ounce jar, found in your ethnic aisle)
- 1 1/2 cups pinto refried beans
- 1 whole chicken breast, cooked and shredded
- Sesame seeds for garnish

Mix the Corn Masa Mix with water and a pinch of salt. Knead and let rest. Form ten medium-sized balls; flatten into tortilla shape. Cook on comal (pan or griddle), then fry until golden. Drain.

Heat beans and mole separately. Spread each tlayuda with a tablespoon of beans; top with shredded chicken and mole. Garnish with toasted sesame seeds.

Makes 10 tlayudas.

Champurrado

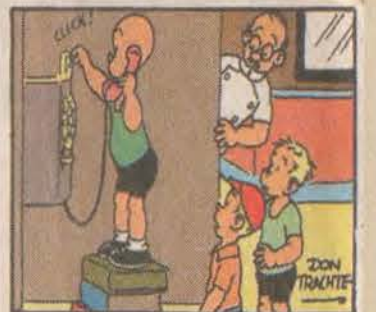
Sweet and rich, hot and delicious! Perfect with churros or Mexican sweet bread.

- 1 cup masa prepared with Maseca Corn Masa Mix
- 3 cups water
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 ounces semi-sweet baking chocolate, chopped

Dissolve the masa in water; strain and cook on low heat, stirring constantly until thickened. Add brown sugar and chocolate; mix well until sugar is dissolved and chocolate melted. Boil for 2-3 minutes, remove from heat and serve.

Makes 6 servings.

Sunday Comics



Super Crossword REQUIREMENTS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Summer singer
 - 5 Say "Hey!"
 - 9 It rhymes with doom!
 - 14 Jamaican cultist
 - 19 — podrida
 - 20 Garfield's pal
 - 21 Slowly, to Sibelius
 - 22 Field marshal Rommel
 - 23 Exclude
 - 24 FARMER WANTED!
 - 27 Passe
 - 29 Roman statesman
 - 30 Mare's morsel
 - 31 Florida county
 - 32 Darling dog
 - 34 It's a long story
 - 38 Gum gob
 - 40 Musical syllables
 - 41 GAS STATION ATTENDANT WANTED!
 - 47 Actress Hagen
 - 48 "— Got Tonight" ('83 tune)
 - 49 Air bear?
 - 50 Buck's "The Good —"
 - 55 Most spirited
 - 58 Descend upon
 - 60 Stick
 - 61 Tiller
 - 62 Agitated state
 - 63 Oklahoma city
 - 65 Bristol brews
 - 66 Novelist O'Flaherty
 - 68 TV's "Happy —"
 - 71 Burn remedy
 - 73 — and outs
 - 74 MAIL CARRIER WANTED!
 - 79 Outlaw
 - 80 Barbara of "Perry Mason"
 - 81 — St. Vincent Millay
 - 82 Dweeb
 - 83 Move like molasses
 - 85 Attempt
 - 87 Stare sala-ciously
 - 89 97 Across ingredients
 - 92 Weaken, in a way
 - 94 Daydream
 - 97 Brunch offering
 - 99 Tantrum
 - 100 Sedaka or Simon
 - 101 Out-of-this-world org.
 - 103 "Hi, Horace!"
 - 104 CHANDELIER SALESMAN WANTED!
 - 110 Singer Davis
 - 113 Paid player city
 - 114 Actor McGregor
 - 115 Reunion attendee
 - 116 "Zip— -Doo-Dah"
 - 118 Wildebeest
 - 120 Earl —
 - 123 Get teed off?
 - 127 MILLINER WANTED!
 - 133 Privy to
 - 134 Rod
 - 135 Pageant prop
 - 136 — friendly
 - 137 Short on looks
 - 138 Get side-tracked
 - 139 Ski center
 - 140 Pedestal part
 - 141 — Hari
 - 5 — Kippur
 - 6 Train
 - 7 Bonet or Whelchel
 - 8 Riga resident
 - 9 Day—
 - 10 Clerical abbr.
 - 11 Indefinite pronoun
 - 12 Henry the Fowler's son
 - 13 New York river
 - 14 Ump's kin
 - 15 Parched
 - 16 Vow
 - 17 Diacritical mark
 - 18 Llama turf
 - 25 Word with face or heart
 - 26 And others
 - 28 Patriotic org.
 - 33 Salamander
 - 35 Blue hue
 - 36 Spiritual guide
 - 37 Usher's beat
 - 39 Stained
 - 41 Toby, for one
 - 42 Neighbor of Idaho
 - 43 Identical
 - 44 A Karamazov brother
 - 45 Dwell
 - 46 Sylvester's snooze
 - 51 "Gotcha!"
 - 52 Antique
 - 53 Senator Lott
 - 54 Musical Myra
 - 56 Building wings
 - 57 Jaclyn of "Charlie's Angels"
 - 59 Declare
 - 60 Cherish
 - 62 Food fish
 - 64 Actress Graff
 - 67 Put down
 - 69 Accounting abbr.
 - 70 Murcia mister
 - 72 Roger's '77 Sunset Strip" co-star
 - 74 Hyper
 - 75 Quitter's cry
 - 76 Found out
 - 77 "— Bull" ('80 film)
 - 78 Brink
 - 79 Auction actions
 - 84 Savage sort
 - 86 Former Buffalo Bills player Don
 - 88 Rachel's sister
 - 90 Elated
 - 91 Golfer Ballesteros
 - 93 Short-timer
 - 95 Survey
 - 96 Joyce of "Roc"
 - 97 Neighbor of Molokai
 - 98 Lapidus or Lewis
 - 102 Began
 - 105 Press
 - 106 Beethoven's "Moonlight —"
 - 107 The — 500
 - 108 Remnant
 - 109 Impressive lobby
 - 110 "— Pearl" ('71 hit)
 - 111 Mature
 - 112 Romero or Franck
 - 117 Sicily's highest point
 - 119 "QB VII" author
 - 121 Israel's Barak
 - 122 Tabula —
 - 124 Swenson of "Benson"
 - 125 Electrical measure
 - 126 "Only Time" singer
 - 128 Method player Don
 - 129 Atlas feature
 - 130 Is for two
 - 131 Actress Grey
 - 132 Theater sign

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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| Depot | Help | Max | Systems |
| Desk | Holder | Party | |

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Math problem is different. 2. Pencil is on globe. 3. Girl's book has writing. 4. Country missing missing. 5. Skirt is longer. 6. Door window is shorter.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A2

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